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Shot In Kashmir With Local Actors, 'Country of Blind' In Race For Oscars Global Acclaim A Testament To Kashmir's Artistic Prowess: Ahmer Haider

Farzana Nisar

lilmed entirely in Kashmir, the movie 'Country of Blind ,' an adaptation of H.G. Wells' novel, has garnered international praise and earned a prestigious screening at the Cinelounge in Los Angeles. While the screenplay had already found a coveted spot in the Permanent Core Collection of the Oscar library in October this year, academy members are now passionately advocating for its Oscar

What makes this cinematic triumph even more resonant with Kashmir is its predominantly Kashmiri cast, featur-ing leading roles played by Hina Khan and Shoib Nikash Shah, both born in Kashmir, alongside local artists Ahmer Haider, Mir Sarwar, and Hussain Khan. The film is directed by Rahat Kazmi and coproduced by Tariq Khan, both raised in Surankote, Pooch.

In H.G. Wells' 1904 story, a character named Nunez



discovers a hidden Andean valley inhabited by a blind

community, the Country of the Blind. While Nunez can see, he

realizes that his sight is considered a handicap by the blind residents. Despite expecting to lead, the community finds his descriptions of the world be-yond their valley nonsensical.

Adding to the complexity, Nunez falls in love with Medina-Saroté, but her father rejects him, perceiving his sight as a curse. Nunez is torn between two worlds, contemplating whether to stay in the Country of the Blind, where he's an outsider, or venture back to the outside world. The

story leaves his ultimate decision and fate unresolved.

The narrative delves into the concepts of perception, diversity, and challenges the notion that a "disability" is universally defined. It prompts reflection on the nature of normalcy and how societal standards influence our perceptions. The story deliberately leaves Nunez's fate uncertain, presenting him with the dilemma of either accepting the distinct culture of this society or trying to reconnect with | More on P6

Pahalgam Coldest Place In Kashmir

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Minimum temperatures continued to decline in most parts of Kashmir for a second consecutive night even as dense fog disrupted daily life in the Valley early on Monday, officials said.

Srinagar recorded a low of minus 2.3 degrees Celsius, a slight decrease from the previous night's minus 2.1 degrees, they said.

Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantnag district recorded a minimum temperature of minus 4.3 degrees Celsius -- down from the previous night's minus 3.9 degrees Celsius.

According to the officials, Pahalgam was the coldest place in the Kashmir Valley.

Gulmarg, the famous ski resort in Baramulla district, recorded a low of minus 2.6 degrees Celsius, the officials said.

Qazigund recorded a low of minus 2.6 degrees Celsius while Kokernag witnessed the mercury settle at minus 1.6 degrees and Kupwara at minus 3.0 degrees.

The Met department said the weather is likely to remain mainly dry till the end of the month.

A dense layer of fog engulfed Srinagar early on Monday, affecting daily life.

The flow of traffic | More on P6

DM Likely To Visit Jammu On Dec 27

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is likely to visit Jammu division on December 27 to review the security situation in the backdrop of alleged custodial killings of three civilians in Poonch by army following a terror attack that left five soldiers dead last week

Singh, according to reports, will arrive on a day-long visit to the winter capital, during which he is likely to conduct a security review meeting at Raj Bhawan where the top brass of the Army, intelligence agencies, Police, BSF, CRPF, etc., will participate.

The focal point of his visit will be a series of engagements with top-ranking Army officers at 16 Corps, emphasizing strategic discussions on national security, reports said.

Besides, the reports said that Rajnath might also visit Rajouri and Poonch with top Army brass and also interact with both troops and civilians. He is also expected to meet people in Surankote where | More on P6

ARTICLE-370 ABROGATION

Unprecedented Progress In J&K's Development: President



Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: President Droupadi Murmu on Monday said there has been an "unprecedented" progress in the development of Jammu and Kashmir after the abrogation of Article 370.

Addressing a youth delegation from Jammu and Kashmir here, she said the Central government and the local administration are working together for the progress of people of the Union

The president said that the youth of I-K want to fulfil their dreams by becoming a part of the mainstream of India.

"But even today, some elements do not want Kashmir to progress due to vested interests," Murmu said.

However, the way the government is investing in infrastructure, technology and education for the progress of Jammu and Kashmir, the day is not far when Jammu and Kashmir will present the ideal of progress in India, she said while addressing the delegation.

The members of the delegation, who have been touring the country as part of the 'Watan ko Jano' programme, had called on the president at the Rashtrapati Bhavan here.

Addressing the members of the delegation, President Murmu said the purpose of the make them aware of the country's art, culture, civilization and

development work. "They must have realised during the tour that we speak different languages, wear different clothes, adopt different lifestyles, but, | More on P6

POONCH ON EDGE

Army Chief Reviews Situation On Ground Zero

Brigadier-Level Officer Shifted, Army Initiates Court Of Inquiry Over Civilian 'Killings'

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Army Chief General Manoj Pande visited Jammu and Kashmir on Monday and exhorted commanders to conduct operations in the "most professional manner", amid an outrage over the killing of three civilians picked up by the force for questioning following a terrorists attack in Poonch last week that left four soldiers dead.

The Chief of Army Staff (CoAS), who visited the ground zero in Poonch-Rajouri sector where a massive anti-terrorism operation is underway, also asked the troops to remain resolute and steadfast against all challenges.



In a related development, the Army initiated a Court of Inquiry as police lodged a murder case against unknown persons over the death of the three civilians, while a brigadier-level officer was shifted, the officials said.

The three civilians, aged between 27 and 42, were picked up by the Army for questioning after the terrorist ambushed two Army vehicles on Thursday at Dhatvar Morh between Dhera Ki Gali and Buffliaz in Poonch. The

December 22.

"General Manoj Pande #COAS visited #Poonch sector and was given an update on the prevalent security situation. #COAS interacted with commanders on ground, exhorted them to conduct the operations in the most professional manner and remain resolute & steadfast against all challenges," the Additional Directorate General of Public Information (ADGPI) of the Indian Army posted on X.

three were found dead on

Earlier, a defence spokesman in Jammu said the Army chief reached Jammu in the afternoon and immediately left for the Rajouri-Poonch sector to review the operational preparedness | More on P6

Our Priority Is To Empower Deprived Sections: PM

Press Trust Of India

Indore: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said his government's priority is to respect and empower the poor and deprived sections of

He also said investments of thousands of crores have been made in Indore's vicinity during the BJP's "double-engine" government (at the Centre

and in Madhya Pradesh). This will give rise to thousands of employment



opportunities, Modi said addressing via video link a programme organised to distribute dues worth Rs 224 crore pertaining to workers of the Hukumchand | More on P6

President Okays 3 Bills To Replace British-Era Criminal Laws

Press Trust Of India

Delhi: President Droupadi Murmu on Monday gave assent to the three new criminal justice bills which were cleared by Parliament

The three new laws -- the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita and the Bharatiya Sakshya Act -- will replace the colonial era Indian Penal Code, the Code of Criminal Procedure and the Indian

Evidence Act of 1872. While replying to a de-

bate on the three bills in Parliament, Union Home Minister Amit Shah had said the focus were on delivering justice rather than handing

The legislation aim at completely overhauling the criminal justice system in the country by giving definition of various offences and their punishments. These have given a clear definition of terrorism, | More on P6

Christmas Celebrated With Religious Fervor In Kashmir

Press Trust Of India

he Christian community in Kashmir on Monday celebrated Christmas with special prayers held for the

resolution of the Israel-Palestine conflict. The biggest Mass was held at the Holy Family Catholic Church at Maulana Azad Road here, where dozens of Christians, including women and children, assembled to

celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. The church wore a festive look as it was decorated with colourful bunting, lights and balloons. "We prayed for an end to the conflict in Palestine. | More on P6

Minibus Falls Into

Agencies

Srinagar: Violations for smoking at public places have seen an increase by six times this year so far. As per the data, over 3,000 challans were produced and Rs 4,30,000 have been recovered as fine from the violators this year.

Six-Fold Increase In Public

Smoking Violations This Year

It said that 271 violations occurred in 2020-21 with Rs 18,290 realised as a fine. It was followed by 3240 challans next year with Rs 20,250 recovered as fine. Similarly, 553 challans were produced in 2022 and Rs 25,280 was recovered as fine and this year 3,123 challans were produced and Rs 4,30,000 recovered as fine so far.

It showed that 4,231 persons were counselled and sanitised in the year 2020-21 followed by 7,7670 in the year 2021-22, 10,558 in 2022-23 and 17,457 in | More on P6

Gorge, Two Dead

Jammu: Two people were killed and 12 injured on Monday when a minibus carrying a wedding party skidded off the road and plunged into a gorge in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district, police said. The bus was travelling from Balmatkote

to Badar village when the accident took place near Dhamini around 6 am, Chassana SHO Suman Singh said. A rescue operation was launched immediately and one man -- identified as Mohd Ashraf (25) -- was found dead.

Thirteen others, including nine girls aged

between three and 19 years, | More on P6

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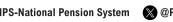
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In the case of:

New Artificial Intelligence Model Could Help Prevent Sight Loss In Humans

Press Trust of India

esearchers have developed a new artificial intelligence (AI) model that can predict the risk of longterm visual impairment in patients with high myopia, one of the top three causes of irreversible blindness in many regions of the world.

The team at the Tokyo Medical and Dental University (TMDU) said its machine-learning model works well for predicting-and visualising—the risk of visual impairment over the long term.

Machine learning is a type of AI focused on building computer systems that learn from data, enabling software to improve its performance over time.

People with extreme shortsightedness (called high myopia) can clearly see objects that are near to them but cannot focus on objects at a distance.

Contacts, glasses, or surgery can be used to correct their vision, but having high myopia can lead to a condition called pathologic myopia, a leading cause of blindness. "We know that machine-learning algo-



rithms work well on tasks such as identifying changes and complications in myopia but in this study, we wanted to investigate something different, namely how good these algorithms are at long-term predictions," said Yining Wang, lead author of the

The study, recently published in the journal JAMA Ophthalmology, looked at the visual acuity of 967 Japanese patients at TDMU's Advanced Clinical Center for Myopia after 3 and 5 years had passed.

The researchers formed a dataset from 34 variables that are commonly collected during ophthalmic examinations, such as age, current visual acuity, and the diameter of the cornea.

They then tested several popular machinelearning models such as random forests and support vector machines. Of these models, the logistic regression-based model performed the best at predicting visual

impairment at 5 years.

However, predicting outcomes is only part of the story, the researchers said.

"It is also important to present the model's output in a way that is easy for patients to understand and convenient for making clinical decisions," said Kyoko Ohno-Matsui, senior author of the study.

The researchers used a nomogram to visualise the classification model. Each variable is assigned a line with a length that indicates how important it is for predicting visual acuity.

These lengths can be converted into points that can be added up to obtain a final score explaining the risk of visual impairment in

future, they said. People who permanently lose their vision

often suffer both financially and physically as a result of their loss of independence. The decrease in global productivity caused by severe visual impairment was estimated

to be \$94.5 billion in 2019. Although the model still has to be evaluated on a wider population, this study has shown that machine-learning models have good potential to help address this increasingly important public health concern, which will benefit both individuals and society as a whole.

From The Office Of Adv Touseef Mohammad Khan & **Associates District Court Complex Sgr.**

Mohammad Saleem Malla S/o Gh Mohammad R/o Noor bagh srinagar

(Caveator)

V/S Public at Large

(Non-caveator)

In the matter of: Caveat petition in terms of Section 148A CPC.

That the caveator has reason to believe/apprehension that the non-caveator(s) may file a suit or other type of proceedings before the Hon'ble High Court, District Court or Special Tribunal, Srinagar on the ground of distorted facts/misrepresentation or cooked up story and may succeed in obtaining some relief/order at their back/exparte against the caveator(s) and in such eventuality the caveator(s) will be put to an irreparable loss & inconvenience. It would be proper that the caveator(s) is given an opportunity of being heard by this Hon'ble Court/Tribunal before passing any order.

NOTICE

Hamdan Colony, Dulla Bagh, Soura, Srinagar F/O ANOOSH MUZAFFAR Studying in Grade 7th R. P. School, Malla bagh, want to correct spelling of my name, & my daughter's name in her Birth Certificate From Mohammad Muzzaffer Rubani to Mohammad Muzaffar Rubani & From Anoosh Muzzaffer to Anoosh

Muzaffar as per new Birth certificate. Regarding this, if anybody is having any objection. He/She may file the same to the office of the Principal within a week's time after that no objection will be accepted

Certificate From Mohammad Muzaffar Rubani Nargis Rashid To MOHAMMAD MUZAFFAR RUBAN From Dulla Bagh, Soura, Srinagar to Shah Hamdar Colony, Dulla Bagh, Soura, Srinagar as per new Birth certificate. Regarding this, if anybody is having any objection, He/She may file the

Subject: Grant of Registration of proposal Travel unit under the name and style"CADBURY TOUR AND TRAVELS situated at Kakapora Pulwama, 192304, Neer social welfare office

Whereas,I EHSAN UL HAQ S/0:- MOHD MAQBOOL BHAT R/O:-TRICH PULWAMA KASHMIR intend to apply in the department of tourism for Registration of my proposed travel unit under the name and style CADBURY TOUR AND TRAVELS situated at Kakapora Pulwama, 192304, Neer social welfare office kakapora under the tourist trade act 1978/82/2011-12. Whereas I will submit state subject/Domicile certificate, Qualification certificate, pan card, Experience certificate (Minimum 5 years), Character certificate (Police department), Bank Statement (Minimum balance Rs 10000), Site plan, Affidavit, Rent deed duly attested by sub-registrar, Printing meterial (Letter head/Visiting Card)/photo graph of the unit(Indoor and outdoor) and two passport size photographs to the department of tourism as per the prescribed checklist prior to registration of my unit as an excursion agency.

Now as per J&K registration of tourist trade act of 1978/82/2011/12 before my case is processed for registration by the competent Authority, the matter is hereby notified for information of general public/financial institutions/bank/organisation etc for objection, If any ,and the same should reach to the Deputy director Tourism registration (email id:ddtregl23@gmail.com) within a period of 7 days after the publication of this notice in leading newspaper of the valley. No, objection beyond a period of 7 days shall be entertained.

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Researchers Say New Al Model May Predict **Human Lifespan**

Press Trust Of India

esearchers have developed an artificial intelligence (AI) tool that uses sequences of life events — such as health history, education, job and income - to predict everything from an individual's personality to their lifespan.

Built using transformer models, which power large language models (LLMs) like Chat-GPT, the tool called life2vec is trained on a data set pulled from the entire population of Denmark.

Life2vec is capable of predicting the future, including the lifespan of individuals, with an accuracy that exceeds state-of-the-art models, the researchers said.

However, despite its predictive power, the research team said it is best used as the foundation for future work, not an end in itself. "Even though we're using prediction to evaluate how good these models are, the tool shouldn't be used for prediction on real people," says Tina Eliassi-Rad, a professor at Northeastern University, US.

"It is a prediction model based on a specific data set of a specific population," Eliassi-Rad said. By involving social scientists in the process of building this tool, the team hopes it brings a human-centred approach to AI development that doesn't lose sight of the humans amid the massive data set their tool has been trained on.

"This model offers a much more comprehensive reflection of the world as it is lived by human beings than many other models,' said Sune Lehmann, author of the study published in the journal Nature Computational Science.

Less Social Media Use Found To Improve Mental Health, Job Satisfaction: Study

Press Trust of India

educing social media usage by 30 minutes improves mental health, job satisfaction while frequent users find it difficult to focus on their work, a study has found.

Researchers found that the less social media use led to the individuals feeling less overworked and lower levels of "fear of missing out" - popularly known as FOMO - on important happenings in their network when they aren't online.

Researchers at Ruhr University Bochum and the German Center for Mental Health, Germany, found that refraining from social media gave people more time to do their job and thus suffered less from

"Our brains can't cope well with constant distraction from a task," explained Julia Brailovskaia, author of the study published in the journal 'Behaviour and Information Technology'. 'People who frequently stop what they're

doing in order to catch up on their social media feed find it more difficult to focus on their work and they achieve poorer resuits," said Brailovskaia. For the study, the research team recruit-

ed 166 people, all of them employed and spending at least 35 minutes a day on non-work-related social media use. They were divided into two groups - one did not change their social media habits, while the other reduced the time spent on social networks by 30 minutes a day



The participants were asked to respond to questionnaires before the start of the experiment, the day after it began and one week later, providing information about their workload, job satisfaction, commitment, mental health, stress levels, FOMO and behaviours indicating addictive social

"Even after this short period of time, we found that the group that spent 30 minutes less a day on social media significantly improved their job satisfaction and mental health," said

Brailovskaia. The effects lasted for at least a week after the end of the experiment and in some cases even improved in the period, the

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researchers said.

"We suspect that people tend to use social networks to generate positive emotions that they're missing in their everyday working lives, especially when they are feeling overworked,'

said Brailovskaia. "In addition, some platforms such as LinkedIn also offer the opportunity to look for new jobs if you're unhappy with

your current role," she said. The researchers said that while in the short-term, escaping from reality into the world of social networks may indeed improve one's mood, in the long-term, such habits can lead to addictive behaviour that has the opposite effect.

From The Office Of The Advocate i asaduk mussain kesni

Advocate J&K High Court Srinagar

Dt; 23.12.2023

In the case of SNOW MOBILE ASSOCIATION

(Caveator)

Versus Public at Large

(Non-caveator)

In the matter of:-CAVEAT PETITION The caveator has developed reasonable apprehension that the noncaveators may file WRIT PETITION or any other proceedings against the caveator before the Hon'ble court or any other court/s and may obtain order in ex-parte by concealing of material facts. It would be fair and just if the caveator is given opportunity of being heard by the aforesaid Hon'ble courts before passing any order.

Advocate J&K High Court Sgr

PUBLIC NOTICE

I, JC-594676F Sub Nazir Ahmad Lone presently residing at Vill: Chorwan PO Dawar teh Gurez Distt. Baramulla have changed the name of my minor daughter from Sumana Nazir to Sumeena Nazir and changed the dob of my minor daughter from 24-3-2009 to 25-03-2011 vide affidavit no 88AB008849 Dated 11 August 2023 before Court Alipurduar (WB)

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ALI MUHAMMAD KHAN PASSES AWAY With profound grief and sorrow we inform the sad demise of our beloved father Ali Muhammad Khan Son

of late Ghulam Muhammad Khan of Madeen Sahib Hawal Srinagar who passed away on Sunday, 24th December, 2023 after a brief illness. His congregational Fateha Khawani would be held on Wednesday 27th December, 2023 at their ancestra graveyard Hassanabad Srinagar at

Thereafter a day long condolence meeting will be held their residence at Madeen Sahib Hawal, Srinagar

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Professor Javid Kakroo, **Supporters Joins BJP** in Srinagar.

Observer News Service

Srinagar: London-based Professor Javid Kakroo and his supporters joined the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Srinagar on Monday.

The event, held at S1-Church Lane, witnessed the presence of Ashok Koul, General Secretary (Org), who welcomed Professor Javid Kakroo and his supporters into the BJP fold.

Professor Kakroo, hailing from Baramulla and known for his contributions to the education sector in various London based colleges and universities, expressed his

support for the BJP.

Ashok Koul, in his address, acknowledged the increasing influx of individuals from diverse societal segments into the BJP, emphasizing the party's growing popularity in the Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory.

Among others present on the occasion was the former MLC Surinder Amardar, North and Central Kashmir Incharge Mudasir Wani, Media Incharge Kashmir Adv Sajid Yousuf Shah, Social Media Incharge Er Sahil Bashir, IT Incharge Sheikh Salman, District President Srinagar Ashok Bhat, Er Aijaz and Senior Leader Showkat Qayoor.

Lecture On Empowering India Organized At S.P College Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Under the vision plan of Viksit Bharat @ 2047, the Department of English S. P College Srinagar today organised an online lecture on 'Empowering India: Decolonizing the Indian Education System'.

At the outset, Principal SP College, Prof (Dr,) Ghulam Jeelani Qurashi highlighted the importance of the Viksit Bharat @ 2047 initiative and formally threw the program open.

program was chaired by the head of the department, Prof Rabia Ahmad and moderated by Prof Jon Mohammad Bhat.

A large number of students across different semesters and faculty from different departments participated in the program Dr. Bilal Ahmad Shah, senior Assistant Professor took the participants through the background and context of the program and introduced the resource person.

Dr. Javaid Iqbal Bhat, the resource person from the department of English, South Campus, University of Kashmir while talking on the topic, laid bare the different facets of colonial legacy that once crept into the Indian Education System and unquestionably perpetuated its hold over it. He highlighted that due to erroneous policies and governance, the native Indian system of education paled into insignificance.

The resource person emphasized that it is a high time to get rid of the colonial jargon, the specter of which still hovers over our minds. He reiterated that in order to regain the emotional content and sense of selfesteem, we need to create a new set of values which would bring a holistic transformation in us.

For this, he pointed out, the whole system of education demands an overhaul and the initiatives like NEP-2020 and agendas like Viksit Bharat @ 2047 are some steps in the right direction. Dr. Javaid concluded by saving that Indi is positively emerging in many dimensions and the world is looking up to it for solutions to different global problems that pressingly beset it.

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We have lost the RC of my vehicle bearing Regd NO: JK01P 7201 . Now I have applied for the duplicate of the same if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office RTO Srinagar within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. M/S Raja brothers

Address: Karanagar Srinagar

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PUBLIC NOTICE

I have applied for the Death Certificate of my Husband namely Ghulam Mohiuddin Khanday S/o Ghulam Mohammad Khanday R/o Wanigam Payeen Baramulla who died on 6-12-2023 at Govt S.M.H.S Hospital Srinagar. If anybody has anyobjection in this regard he/she may file the same if the concerned office within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

Saja Begum Wd/o Ghulam Mohiuddin Khanday R/o Wanigam Payeen Baramulla

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رخواست از جانب ریاض احمد ڈارولدعلی محمد ڈارسا کنہ مہارا جپورہ کنگمڈ ارم مخصیل مپٹن بار ہمولہ بمراد ئصول D.O.B سرٹفکیٹ بخق مسر وراحمد ڈار۔

عامله مندرجة عنوان الصدر كے نسبت ريورٹ پنچايت سكٹرى ونمبر دارد به وچوكيدارعلاقه وآشاميڈم ہے موصول ہوئی۔مطابق رپورے عملہ فیلٹر سے عیاں ہوتا ہے کہ سائل کے پسرمسر وراحمدڈ ار کی پدائش مورخہ2015-03-05 کوہوئی ہے اور سائل مذکورنے تا حال کوئی بھی سند D.O.B ... حاصل نہیں کی ہے۔سائل مذکورا ہے: پسر کے حق میں D.O.B حاصل کرنے کا خواہاں ہے۔ اس ہارے میں بذریعہ اخباراشتہار شقر کیا جا تا ہے اگر کئی شخص کو کوئی اعتراض نسبت اجراء سر ٹفکیٹ ہوتو دفتر ھذٰ میں اندرسات یوم پیش کریں۔بعد گز رنے میعاد کوئی عذریااعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔



A group of people warming themseves near a bonfire in Srinagar as the cold wave intensified across Kashmir with the onset of 'Chillai Kalan', 40 days period of harsh winter. KO Photo Abid Bhat

Local Master Chef Competition To See 200 Culinary Maestros Compete

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Inspired by the reality cookery show Master Chef India, a similar but local show is coming up in which 200 contestants will compete to win the prize money worth Rs 50000. In an effort to highlight Kash-

mir's culinary prowess, ConsortX Media and Dabur Homemade are collaborating to host the first social media-based cooking competition in the valley, called "Home Chef." The registration for the show

has already begun and the organizers expect that 200 chefs from the valley will tantalize taste buds of the jury to showcase local talent.

The show according to the organizers will be judged by the celebrated chef of Kashmir Yaseen

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Rishi who will select the winner after accessing their creations in two phases.

Organizers said the show has two phases including a social media contest and then face-to-face cook-off in a commercial kitchen.

"Six finalists from this pool will advance to the much-anticipated cook-off, which is scheduled to take place in a commercial kitchen in Srinagar," show organizer, Junaid Hakim said.

He said more than 150 participants have already registered for the show. "The show's registration period opened on December 11. It's simple to reserve your position; just register online at www.Consortx.in/hckashmir right now. In addition to offering the possibility to win a sizable financial reward of Rs. 50,000, Home Chef-Kashmir

Khansahib Residents Get

First-Ever Water Reservoir

JJM scheme. Residents said that

this vital project promises to sup-

ply pure drinking water to every

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Prior to this initiative, the vil-

drinking water," a villager said.

"We appreciate the Lieutenant

household in the area.

was provided to them under the consuming contaminated water

also guarantees media attention that may propel your culinary endeavors to unprecedented heights" Hakim added.

Regarding the first phase- the social media contest, he said the dishes will be judged based on the preparation and the presentation. "The jury will assess the preparation which includes ingredients and then the presentation of the culinary," he said.

He said this show however, is different from the format of Master Chef India, given that more contestants can opt for their registration.

This is basically a democratized master chef in which more participants can participate. This show will help the aspiring chefs to make a career in the hospitality sector," added he.

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ti Department, Budgam, Shakeel-

ur-Rehman while talking to KNO,

said that "we are working tirelessly

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Once completed, every household

in the district will have access to

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This Day In History

- 268 Saint Dionysius, Roman Pope (259-260),
- 795 Leo III is elected to serve as Pope on the day his predecessor was buried and is consecrated the following day
- 1198 French bishop Odo van Sully condemns Zottenfeest
- 1261 John IV Lascaris of the restored Eastern Roman Empire is deposed and blinded by orders of his co-ruler Michael VIII Palaeologus.
- 1492 Christopher Columbus' flagship the Santa María runs aground and sinks on the north coast of Hispaniola. The crew are left to found a colony as Columbus returns to Spain
- 1553 Battle of Tucapel: Mapuche rebels under Lautaro defeats the Spanish conquistadors and exetutes the governor of Chile Pedro de Valdivia. 1741 - Astronomer Anders Celsius introduces
- Centigrade temperature scale 1745 - Prussia and Austria sign Treaty of Dresden
- giving much of Silesia to the Prussians 1758 - Return of Halley's comet 1st sighted by
- Johann Georg Palitzsch 1914- US Government protests British interference
- with American merchant ships at sea, on the same day Germans announce they will treat food as contraband, subject to seizure; weakens America's
- 1916- Joseph Joffre becomes marshal of France 1925 - The Communist Party of India is founded
- 1928 World record 10th wicket stand 307 (Kinna) / Hooker) NSW v Vic
- 1941 Winston Churchill becomes first British Prime Minister to address a joint meeting of the US Congress, warning that Axis would "stop at
- 1943 Earl Claus von Stauffenberg vain with bomb to Hitlers headquarter
- 1944 Battle of Bastogne: US General Patton's 3rd
- Army repulses Germans 1966 - Maulana Karenga establishes Kwanzaa (1st
- fruits of harvest) holiday 1973 - 2 Skylab 3 astronauts walk in space for a
- record 7 hours
- 1973 Soyuz 13 returns to Earth 1975 - 1st supersonic transport service (USSR-
- Tupolev-144)
- 1978 India's former Prime Minister, Indira Gandhi is released from jail
- 1979 Soviet Special forces take over presidential
- palace in Kabul, Afghanistan.
- 1982 TIME's Man of the Year is a computer 1986 - Captured Iraqi Airways Boeing-737 in Saudi Arabia, about 60 killed
- 1991 Militant Sikhs kill 55 & wound 70 in India
- 1993 Antonov-26 crashes at Gyumri, Armenia, 36
- 1995-Paul Adams becomes South Africa's youngest Test Cricket player at 18 yrs 340 days1996- Start of the largest strike in South Korean history.
- 1998 Iraq announces its intention to fire upon U.S. and British warplanes that patrol the northern and southern no-fly zones
- 1999 Severe weather in France kills over 100 people and causes extensive damage to property, trees and the French national power grid (see Lothar).
- 2001- Crude oil prices on the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) record one of their largest 1-day jumps of the year as traders become convinced that OPEC will follow through on production cuts
- 2004 9.3 magnitude earthquake creates a tsunami causing devastation in Sri Lanka, India, Indonesia, Thailand, Malaysia, the Maldives and edges of the Indian Ocean, killing 230,000 people 2006- Spin bowling great Shane Warne becomes
- first bowler in Test cricket history to take 700 wickets; bowls England opener Andrew Strauss for 50 during Australia's 4th Test win in Melbourne 2012 - China opens the world's longest high speed
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Militancy's Evolving Face

In the sleepy village of Gantmulla, a retired district police chief Mohammad Shafi Mir was shot dead by militants while he was giving azan, shattering once again the prevailing uneasy calm in the Valley. More so, as the incident happened at a village which hasn't witnessed violence even at the peak of militancy in the nineties. Mir's tragic demise echoes a disconcerting truth—militancy has evolved, extending its reach to regions previously untouched by its shadow. The stark reality is that this incident isn't an isolated event but rather a disturbing testament to a broader shift in militant tactics—one that demands immediate attention. Mir's killing took place soon after the killing of four jawans in an ambush at Poonch in Jammu followed by the death in custody of three civilians, sending violence spiking across the union territory.

The landscape of militancy in Jammu and Kashmir is transforming, presenting a dual threat marked by a hybrid nature. The diminishing local insurgency has been compensated by the infiltration of foreign militants, finding strongholds in unsuspecting corners like Poonch and Rajouri. This evolution underlines the adaptability of the militant forces, revealed in strategic strikes on both security personnel and innocent civilians.

The facelessness and hybrid nature of this new wave of militancy pose a formidable challenge. Gone are the conventional markers of militants, replaced by an elusive cloak that blurs the lines between civilian and combatant. The disturbing reality of civilians doubling as militants before seamlessly blending back into their daily lives complicates the security landscape, as once disclosed by the former DGP Dilbagh Singh. The recent surge of violence, coupled with the anonymity of perpetrators, highlights the urgent need for a multifaceted approach to counter the renewed rise of militancy.

Despite the efforts of security forces, the numbers speak volumes. Over 550 militants have been killed since the revocation of Article 370, yet the cycle persists. Lives lost, those of civilians, security personnel, and militants stand as haunting reminders of the persisting conflict - albeit, the situation has certainly changed a lot on the ground in terms of absence of stone throwing and protests. But the militancy has lingered.

The solution, however, lies beyond silencing guns. It necessitates a comprehensive approach that delves into the root causes fueling this cycle of violence. It demands a concerted effort, both in security measures and political engagement, to create a future where the specter of conflict wanes. The path toward lasting peace in the Valley requires addressing underlying grievances and fostering an environment conducive to progress and prosperity.

The time to acknowledge and confront this renewed challenge of militancy is now. Ignoring the signs will only jeopardize the hard-earned tranquility. It needs a synergy of security vigilance and socio-political initiatives, essential to chart a course where the situation is acknowledged for what it actually is and then sought to be addressed. \

OTHER OPINON

Another opportunity

he Union Sports Ministry suspending the newly elected Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) on Sunday marks yet another twist in the nearly yearlong saga afflicting Indian wrestling. In January 2023, Olympic medallists Sakshi Malik and Bajrang Punia, and World Championship medallist Vinesh Phogat, had accused the then WFI president Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh and the coaches of the Federation of sexual harassment. The Bharatiya Janata Party parliamentarian was subsequently forced to relinquish control and was charged by the Delhi police for offences including stalking and harassment. But last Thursday, his long-term loyalist, Sanjay Singh, was appointed the new president. Not only did Singh and his fellow Brij Bhushan confidants win 13 of 15 posts to which polls were held, not a single woman was chosen. The sight of Singh standing beside a heavily garlanded Brij Bhushan outside the latter's residence — which also doubled up as the WFI office — and the duo flashing the victory sign was enough indication of where the control lay. Such was the disappointment among the wrestlers that a tearful Sakshi announced her retirement while Vinesh warned that no woman will find wrestling safe in the current set-up. On Friday, Bajrang decided to return his Padma Shri award in protest.

Perhaps, it is this embarrassing turn of events that forced the government to finally act. The Ministry has also cited hasty and arbitrary decision-making on Singh's part, wherein he announced the revival of tournaments without taking into confidence the Secretary General (Prem Chand Lochab) as mandated by the WFI constitution. Lochab is one of two WFI office-bearers not considered close to Brij Bhushan. Another reason was the running of Federation affairs from "the premises controlled by former office-bearers, also the alleged premises wherein sexual harassment of players has been alleged". In a nutshell, the mess has laid bare everything that plagues sports administration in India. Even as the nation is diversifying its sporting excellence, the bureaucracy that runs sport still carries the unwelcome legacy of patronage politics. It also does not help that prominent athletes occupying positions of power are mostly deferential to the political masters who helped in their ascent. In the wrestlers' case, the Indian Olympic Association led by the legendary P.T. Usha dithered in its initial response and the athletes' commission comprising iconic sportspersons was tongue-tied. Such was Brij Bhushan's clout that a first information report was registered only after the intervention of the Chief Justice of India. There is still room to wipe the slate clean and usher in reforms. The authorities should go the whole hog.

The Hindu

Time to Scrutinize 'Influencers'

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Here, to gain a clearer insight, it merits high

A Ponzi scheme, named after its originator

Charles Ponzi in 1919, is a deceitful investment

scam offering unrealistically high returns with

little to no risk. The scheme relies on a continuous influx of new investors to pay returns to

earlier ones, creating a chain that inevitably col-

To grasp the workings of a Ponzi Scheme,

In the 'Curative Survey' case, the Ponzi scheme

preyed on people's greed and fear, drawing them

into a web of deceit. What makes this case particu-

larly appalling is the alleged involvement of local

influencers who endorsed the scheme, leading

frauds either for being greedy or succumbing to

the fear created by fraudsters. Despite high alerts

against cyber frauds, people continue to fall in the

trap of fraudsters and are lured to invest money

in financial schemes they do not understand. Ul-

timately, they end-up losing their hard-earned

nized sector which is only growing in size with its

operators mostly remaining untraced. If reports

about loss of money in such frauds are taken into

account, billions of dollars across the globe are

lost by the gullible investors every year.

Online financial frauds have become an orga-

We commonly find people falling prey to such

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returns on an investment outside the formal fi-

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The modus operandi of Ponzi scheme

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romotion of products, services, events and brands has undergone a sea change. This change has made the traditional mode of advertising and promotion redundant and it is the social media which has been driving this change. The impact of social media does not need any endorsement and there is no soul which has not been influenced by this mass media

Over a period of time, social media proved an effective platform for a breed of people who later came to be known as influencers. These are the people who create and share content on this platform, often focusing on specific genres or topics about which they have knowledge or expertise. These influencers have been attracting sponsorships and collaborations from companies in various sectors based on their audience and the content they produce. We have been seeing companies approaching influencers for partnerships depending on the influencer's niche, reach, and the demographic makeup of their followers. This collaboration has been allowing companies to leverage the influencer's audience for promotional purposes.

PAST

Let's journey back to the era of traditional promotion, devoid of the internet and influencers. TV, cinema, newspapers, and hoardings were the primary channels for brand promotion. Celebrities were the trusted ambassadors, and their endorsement carried significant weight. Consumers, influenced by their favorite stars, would rush to purchase products without hesitation, confident that celebrities wouldn't endorse fake or fraudulent items.

In those days, the bond between consumers and companies endured, shaped by the authentic association between celebrities and endorsed products. For instance, the iconic Saritaji ad, featuring the renowned actress from the popular DD serial 'Udaan,' portrayed her as a symbol of goodness. Surf Excel wisely capitalized on this connection, making her their brand ambassador, and the combination of Saritaji and the whiteness of Surf Excel remains exceptional.

PRESENT

Move on to the contemporary world, where customers remain loyal ,but technology has undergone a changeover. TV gave way to the internet, and the internet steered in the era of social media. The shift in influence moved from beloved TV and Bollywood personalities to social media influencers, with an added emphasis on regional influencers. Social media became the new frontier due to its accessibility, available at the tap of a phone screen anywhere in the world.

In this evolving landscape, people view product endorsements by influencers as personal recommendations rather than sales pitches. Trust has transitioned from TV and Bollywood personalities to social media influencers. Consumers now place greater trust in the influencer, seeing them as relatable personalities rather than distant corporate entities.

Precisely, the role of influencers has become pivotal. With their power to persuade, influencers bear a heightened responsibility.

KASHMIR STORY

In the era of social media dominance, Kashmiri influencers too have emerged as powerful voices, whose digital charisma and online presence have afforded them considerable sway over public opinion. They influence not only in their niche but also branching out as authorities in diverse fields.

Take the case of the recent financial fraud in Kashmir that shook the confidence of general masses. Actually, a Chennai based online investment firm, Curative Survey, operating under the guise of launching beauty products, conned thousands in Jammu and Kashmir. The firm had claimed doubling of money in 15 days, but allegedly robbed people of their hard earned money and vanished in thin air overnight leaving gullible people in lurch.

Local social media influencers played a double role in the scam. Two influencers, one from Jammu and another from Baramulla, reportedly played a pivotal role in convincing people to invest in the scheme. Their endorsement, targeting



J&K is witnessing a breed of influencers lately who, beyond their original content, delve into various domains, positioning themselves as modern-day polymaths. From lifestyle and fashion to academia and entrepreneurship, these people have become go-to figures for advice and opinions.

Are these influencers genuinely experts in every field they touch, or does their influence sometimes blur the line between genuine expertise and endorsements for personal gains?

As influencers assume roles as authorities, their audiences are often swayed by their opinions and recommendations. The trust bestowed upon these figures can lead followers to invest not only their time but also their resources in endeavors endorsed by influencers.

Many questions arise regarding the authority granted to influencers to endorse products without conducting proper fact checks. Moreover, the credibility of influencers comes into question when considering their qualifications to endorse products, especially in critical areas like financial investments.

The lack of knowledge and expertise among influencers raises concerns about their suitability to vouch for certain products or organizations. Why influencers choose to endorse entities without a comprehensive understanding becomes a critical question, especially when it comes to products or services that may have farreaching consequences.

The authenticity of influencers, in general, is brought into doubt, prompting the need for governmental intervention.

CONCLUSION

Governments play a crucial role in safeguarding public interests, and there is a pressing need for regulations that curtail influencers from indiscriminately endorsing products from unknown companies. A blanket ban on such practices could be a necessary step to protect consumers from potential harm caused by illinformed endorsements.

As the influence of social media personalities continues to grow, ensuring responsible practices among influencers becomes foremost for maintaining trust and preventing potential harm to the public. Government regulations can play a pivotal role in shaping ethical standards within the influencer industry.

Financial literacy campaign could provide an additional layer of caution to safeguard gullible people from being carried away by the lucrative offers of those operating within our system.

To sum up, 'You can bring egg out of hen not hen out of egg',logic prevails and influencers must understand it.

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Power of Words

They can build and lift, comfort and calm, and teach and inspire. Contrarily, words can destroy and demolish, incite and enrage, and embarrass and demean. Their meanings crystalize perceptions that shape our beliefs, drive our behaviour, and ultimately create our world. The power of words

arises from our emotional responses when we read, speak or hear them. The words we write or speak to others can leave a huge impact and create a lasting memory, either good or bad. It is therefore very important to choose them wisely and use them properly. Words are like music – when played well, they can enchant and delight the whole environment. And, words are

free. But, if used in a wrongful and harmful manner, they even cost you a mountain. Worlds hold incredible power to shape our lives. Positive communication, rooted in empathy and understanding, can transform relationships, boost our physical and mental well-being, and inspire personal growth. By choosing our words carefully, we can harness the power

of language to create a brighter, more fulfilling life. So, let us embrace the power of words and use them to uplift, inspire, and transform the world. Said Mother Teresa: "Kind words can be short and easy to speak, but their echoes are truly endless."

Ranaganathan Sivakumar

Beyond Borders Khalil Gibran's Global Influence

Aubaid Akhoon

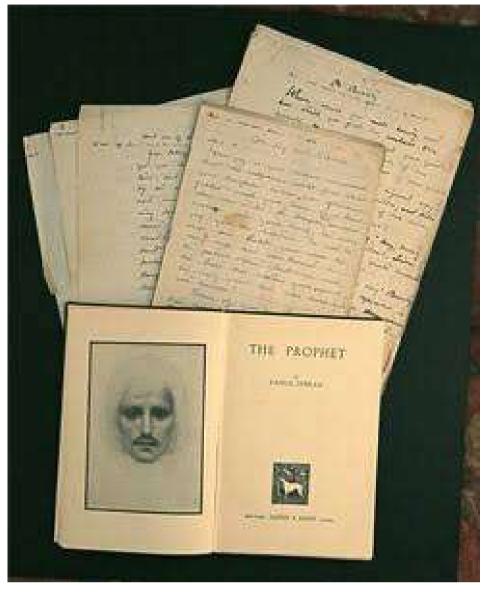
halil Gibran, born in Lebanon in 1883, stands as a celebrated figure, a luminary whose brilliance reverberates through the ages. His profound insights, poetic eloquence, and philosophical reflections have left an indelible mark on the literary landscape, transcending cultural and linguistic boundaries.

CONTRIBUTION TO THE WORLD OF LITERATURE

Gibran's literary legacy stands as a testament to his unparalleled ability to weave spirituality, human emotions, and universal themes into a tapestry of profound wisdom. Notable works such as "The Prophet" and "A Treasury of Wisdom" exemplify his gift for articulating intricate ideas with a simplicity that resonates profoundly, earning him global acclaim. "The Prophet," a timeless masterpiece that debuted in 1923, continues to captivate readers worldwide. Its enchanting wisdom, delivered in Gibran's eloquent prose, has transcended borders, embraced in over 100 languages. This best-selling gem invites readers on a global journey, inspiring hearts with its enduring messages. Alongside this masterpiece, Gibran penned other notable works like "The Madman", "Sand and Foam," and "The Forerunner." showcasing the breadth of his artistic prowess. Despite his artistic success, Gibran's life was tragically cut short by cirrhosis of the liver and tuberculosis, leaving behind a legacy that continues to shape the literary landscape. He departed on April 10, 1931, but his words remain alive, eternally resonating with those seeking profound insights and spiritual illumination.

GOD'S FOOL: KHALIL GIBRAN'S MASTERPIECE

Within the tapestry of Khalil Gibran's masterpiece, "God's Fool" emerges as a powerful poem, a poetic symphony within "The Forerunner." This profound piece delves into intricate themes and philosophical insights, inviting readers into an enriching experience that mirrors Gibran's unique perspective on spirituality and the tapestry of life. In the larger context of "The Forerunner," a collection of 25 poems and parables, Gibran intricately weaves threads of wisdom, exploring the depths of spirituality, love, and the vast



expanse of our greater selves.

Here, I present the enchanting narrative of "God's Fool," a poetic gem nestled within Khalil Gibran's magnum opus, "The Forerunner." Each verse unveils a profound story, a poetic odyssey that transcends the ordinary, offering readers a glimpse into Gibran's mas-

terful exploration of spirituality and the intricate tapestry of life.

In a bygone era, a man from a distant desert, dressed humbly, entered a magnificent city, marveling at its grand buildings and temples. Despite language barriers, he wandered into what he believed to be a place of

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worship-a yellow marble building-only to discover a lively scene of feasting and music. Mistaking it for a generous feast hosted

by the local prince, he indulged in hospitality, unaware of an impending misunderstanding. Confronted about an unpaid bill by a well-dressed doorkeeper, he faced four watchmen, thinking them to be the prince's servants. Escorted to a court, he found himself questioned by a judge in an unfamiliar language.

Advocates argued his case, leaving him thrilled at the prospect of a royal audience. However, the judge's perplexing verdict sentenced him to ride a naked horse through the city with a tablet around his neck. The procession, accompanied by trumpeters and drummers, turned into a spectacle that drew

laughter from the onlookers. Khalil Gibran's "God's Fool" vividly captures the clash of cultures and the complexities that arise when simplicity encounters sophistication.

CRITICAL ANALYSIS: KHALIL GIBRAN'S MESSAGE IN "GOD'S FOOL"

Gibran, known for his philosophical insights, employs "God's Fool" as an allegory, challenging societal norms and perceptions. The central character, the "God's Fool," represents innocence and genuine intent, yet faces ridicule due to cultural misinterpretations. The language barrier symbolizes the challenges of communication, emphasizing the importance of embracing diversity beyond appearances.

LEGACY AND INFLUENCE

Gibran's impact extends far beyond his lifetime. His writings, including "God's Fool," inspire artists, thinkers, and spiritual seekers worldwide. The timeless wisdom prompts reflection on personal journeys and the quest for spiritual understanding.

EMBRACING GIBRAN'S WISDOM

As readers engage with "God's Fool," they are invited to embrace Gibran's wisdom and consider the transformative power of questioning societal norms. The work encourages a shift in perspective, urging individuals to look beyond the surface and seek a profound connection with the divine.

CONCLUSION: A LITERARY ODYSSEY

In conclusion, Khalil Gibran's "God's Fool" stands as a testament to his brilliance, merging spirituality with poetic expression. This captivating literary odyssey challenges readers to reevaluate notions of wisdom and folly, guiding them on a contemplative journey toward a deeper understanding of existence. Gibran's words are not merely read; they invite readers to embark on a spiritual adventure, crafted by a master wordsmith, where literature becomes a transformative experience.

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Is Your Personal Battery Charged?

Elizabeth A. Grill

The holiday season is here, and − for many people - this time of year evokes feelings of warmth and joy with an emphasis on spending time with loved ones and taking time to rest and relax. Unfortunately, health care is one of the few industries exempt from this downtime, and it's not just patients who experience the holiday blues.

The reality of the holiday season for many health care workers doesn't feature meaningful time spent with families or a well-deserved week off. Instead, that reality consists of heightened stress, increased job demands, clashing cultural ideas of what holidays are "supposed" to be, and the exasperating expectation to be filled with holiday cheer. Stress experienced during the holiday season can lead to increased feelings of sadness, anxiety, disconnectedness, loneliness, and social isolation. According to a recent survey conducted by the American Psychiatric Association (APA) (2021), 40% of health care workers are anxious about working long hours during the holiday season and 54% say their stress level increases during the holiday sea-

Many health care workers are already running on empty by the time the holidays roll around. Health care professionals need a consistent routine of wellbeing practices to stay charged, alleviate distress, avoid burnout, and remain connected to family, friends, colleagues and

HEALTH-CARE BURNOUT

Even prior to the COVID-19 pandemic, pressure on health care teams was on the rise, and the prevalence of burnout among physicians in the United States was at an alarming level, with half experiencing symptoms (Shanafelt et al., 2012). During the height of the pandemic, physician burnout rates across all specialties reached an all-time high, with 62.8% of physicians reporting at least one experience of having burnout in 2021 (Shanafelt et al., 2022). In a report published recently in the Journal of General Internal Medicine, Rotenstein et al. (2023) found that clinical staff, and non-clinical support workers in health care, also experienced substantial levels of burnout; nurses had the highest reported rates of burnout at a whopping 56%. To add insult to injury, satisfaction with work-life balance, depression,

and professional fulfillment were also impacted. Many workers reported that they wanted to leave their jobs within two years - including nurses (41%), clinical and non-clinical staff (32%), and doctors (24%).

NEGATIVE IMPACT OF STRESS AND BURNOUT

Burnout is not conditional upon career stage, nor is it correlated with years in practice (Shanafelt, et al., 2003; Pentti et al., 2008). The risks associated with high stress and burnout are many and can lead to burnout syndrome (Fontán et al., 2001) and compassion fatigue (Bush, 2009), which

HOW TO KEEP YOUR WELL-BEING BATTERY CHARGED DURING THE HOLIDAYS

For many health care workers, stress goes unnoticed, building up over time when the focus is on providing excellent patient care - but not self-care. If your well-being battery is running low (or is completely dead), you won't have enough energy to give to your patients (or your colleagues or even your loved ones) - and you run the risk of burnout. Adding self-care to your personal routine and advocating for self-care to be a priority within your organization's culture is critical to making sure that your well-being battery stays charged during

Push yourself to come up with realistic but more balanced thoughts (e.g., "While family gatherings usually end badly, I'll plan ahead to sit next to the people I enjoy or make an excuse to leave early when things get tense") or replace your negative thought with a mantra

(e.g., "I'm doing the best I can."). Move Your Body. Exercise can be extremely effective at boosting your mood and alleviating symptoms of depression. Any amount of exercise is better than none. Try doing something active every day. Stretch each morning. Take a walk

ing the holidays. Keep a healthy, balanced diet as part of your daily routine and enjoy treats guiltlessly (within moderation) during gath-

Stay Well-Rested. Sleep may be difficult for many health care workers trying to balance pressure from work with time to celebrate the holidays. Practice good sleep hygiene (e.g., limit caffeine, wind down away from screens, use white noise, keep the room cool before bed).

Practice Self-Compassion. You are not perfect, and it's okay to feel overwhelmed and to make mistakes. You are doing the best you can to take care of yourself and others. Practice patience and compassion not just with others but, most importantly, with yourself.

Consider Mindfulness and Meditation. Mindfulness has been proven to be highly effective in reducing stress and decreasing burnout among health care workers. Practice relaxation strategies, such as mindfulness, deep breathing, progressive muscle relaxation, and visualization. Download a mediation app on your smartphone or just find a quiet, calm spot to close your eyes and take a few deep breaths several times a day. Build this into your daily routine to feel more relaxed throughout your day.

Express Yourself. Chances are you are not the only one feeling the stress of the holidays. Try talking to a coworker or friend who understands your source of stress or, try journaling for 20 minutes a day a few days a week. If those things don't help, consider reaching out to a professional who can objectively listen to you and offer direction and support.

Stay Connected. It can be easy to feel lonely or to isolate yourself when you're feeling overwhelmed by the holidays. Don't overextend and give yourself permission to say no. Set self-protective boundaries before you meet with family or friends and choose to be around people who will make you feel good and not add to your emotional burden.

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can affect both physical and mental health, as well as compromise work productivity, performance, and quality of care (Adams et al., 2008; Balch et al., 2009; Oreskovich et al., 2012). Burnout can lead to emotional exhaustion, depersonalization (i.e., feeling detached toward patients), a low sense of accomplishment (Wallace et al., 2009), and an increased risk of suicidal thoughts (Shanafelt et al., 2016).

Stress and burnout in physicians can lead to behavioral and performance issues at work, conflict in the workplace and at home, and dissatisfaction with jobs and careers (Shanafelt et al., 2012; Dewa et al., 2014). Studies show that even small increases in stress and burnout scores can lead to more perceived medical errors (West et al., 2009; Shanafelt et al., 2010), reduced work hours (Shanafelt, et al., 2016), and decreased patient quality care and satisfaction (Krumholz et al., 2013).

the holidays and beyond.

Here are 10 simple ways you can prioritize charging your well-being battery and take control of your mental and physical health:

- Take Inventory. Tune in to your body and mind and distinguish your symptoms of stress. That includes physical symptoms (e.g., headaches, stomach issues), psychological symptoms (e.g., irritability, sadness, worry) and behavioral symptoms (e.g., increased eating and drinking, trouble sleeping). Try to reduce your number of triggering activities and use the tips below to cope with the things you can't avoid
- Change Negative Thoughts. Negative thinking can be hard to overcome during the holidays; for a lot of us, it's automatic and can lead to distress. Select the thought that causes the most negative emotions.

outside. Use the stairs instead of the elevator. Do a yoga pose before

Do Things That Bring Pleasure and Joy. Prioritize activities that make you feel happy. Watch your favorite movie or listen to your favorite podcast or playlist. Get back to a loved hobby or order in from your favorite restaurant. Buy yourself flowers, light a scented candle, or put on flannel sheets. Make it a point to carve out some time each day to do at least one thing that brings you genuine joy.

Maintain a Balanced Diet. Remember that mood is heavily impacted by what you eat, and during times of stress we tend to reach out for comfort foods (and there is plenty to choose from during the holiday season). Food can also be a source of pleasure and joy. So, be mindful about what you eat dur-

Year-Ender 2023: In Year Of Milestones, SC Upholds Art 370, Demonetization

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: In a year of milestones, the Supreme Court delivered a melange of seminal verdicts in 2023 including those that upheld the Centre's decisions to scrap Article 370, which bestowed special status on Jammu and Kashmir, demonetisation of Rs 1,000 and Rs 500 currency notes, and refused to accord legal recognition to same-sex marriages.

Under Chief Justice of India D Y Chandrachud, the top court created a record by disposing of an unprecedented 52,191 cases between January 1 and December 15, 2023. It had disposed of nearly 40,000 cases the previous year.

Though the Modi government received an emphatic endorsement from the Supreme Court for its decisions nullifying Article 370 and binning Rs 1000 and Rs 500 notes, it was at the receiving end of apex court order that held the Delhi government had legislative and executive control over services in the national capital except for public order, police and land.

A five-judge bench of the Supreme Court (SC) unanimously ruled that the appointment of the Chief Election

Commissioner and Election Commissioners shall be made by the President on the advice of a committee consisting of the prime minister, the leader of the opposition in the Lok Sabha and the Chief Justice of India.

However, these led to the framing of a new law on the appointment of CEC and ECs and amendments to the Government of National Capital Territory of Delhi (GNCTD) Act by the Centre. Now the CJI will not be part of the committee for selecting members of the poll panel as was envisaged in the March 2 judgementL of the Supreme Court. Through the new GNCTD Act the Centre also wrested control over services from the Delhi government.

The top court is now again seized of the Delhi government's fresh plea against the amended GNCTD Act.

Notwithstanding the continuing tug of war between the Supreme Court and the Centre over appointment and transfer of judges in constitutional courts on the recommendation of the collegium, the apex court worked with full strength of 34 judges for the major part of the year and all the 14 recommendations for judgeship of the apex court were approved with



alacrity.

The decades-old hope of the queer community for legal validation of their marriages and consequential rights like adoption, enrolment as parents in schools, opening of bank accounts and succession got dashed as a five-judge constitution bench came out with a fractured verdict leaving major issues to the discretion of Parliament.

The Centre also drew flak from the Supreme Court for granting repeated extensions to Sanjay Kumar Mishra as the Enforcement Directorate (ED) chief and held it "illegal".

The Centre won the legal battle over scrapping of Article 370, with a five-judge constitution

bench unanimously upholding its decision to abrogate its provisions. The apex court, however, ordered restoration of statehood for the present-day Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir "at the earliest" and holding

September 30, 2024. In a setback to the central government, its curative plea seeking an additional Rs 7,844 crore from the Union Carbide Corporation's successor firms to extend higher compensation to the victims of the 1984 Bhopal gas tragedy that left over 3,000 people dead and caused massive environmental damage was junked.

the state assembly elections by

In one of the cases involving the Adani Group, the apex court reserved its verdict on a

PIL on the Adani-Hindenburg row on allegations of stock price manipulation.

The discretionary powers of state governors and legislative assembly speakers in granting assent to bills and deciding disqualification petitions against MLAs, especially in opposition-ruled Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu, Punjab, Kerala and Telangana, came under scrutiny by the apex court.

On the police strife between the rival Shiv Sena factions in Maharashtra, the court ruled it cannot reinstate the MVA government headed by Uddhav Thackeray since the Shiv Sena leader chose to resign without taking a floor test in the wake of a rebellion in his party, paving the way for continuation of Eknath Shinde as the chief minister.

Later in the year, it extended the deadline for Maharashtra assembly Speaker Rahul Narwekar to decide cross-petitions by rival Sena factions seeking disqualification of each other's MLAs from December 31 to January 10, 2024.

The apex court talked tough over the governors of Punjab and Tamil Nadu delaying assent to bills passed by the state legislatures, cautioning the Raj Bhawan occupant in Chandigarh against "playing with fire" and observing his counterpart in Chennai, accused of "sitting over" 12 bills, was a "matter of concern".

The apex court, while taking note of hate speeches at political rallies and religious programmes, said it was looking to put in place a machinery to deal with these

The year saw marathon hearing of important cases, including on reconsideration of the Supreme Court's 1998 judgement which said lawmakers enjoy immunity from prosecution for taking bribe to make a speech or cast a vote, besides on pleas challenging the remission granted to 11 convicts in the Bilkis Bano gang-rape case and murder of seven of her family members during the 2002 Gujarat riots.

Judgements in these cases are expected in 2024. The apex court will also deliver its verdict on petitions challenging electoral bonds scheme for political funding next year.

Matters related to air pollution during winter in Delhi-National Capital Region also kept the apex court busy. It made hard-hitting remarks and passed directives for curbing the menace.

In a first initiative of its kind, the Supreme Court launched a handbook containing a glossary of 'gender unjust terms' and suggested alternative words and phrases which may be used

in legal lexicon. According to the handbook, words like eve-teasing, prostitute, and housewife will be out of the legal jargon and be replaced with terms like street sexual harassment, sex worker and homemaker.

In a bid to make itself litigant friendly, the Supreme Court undertook measures including launch of portal 'SuSwagatam' to enable lawyers and litigants to register themselves online and get e-passes to enter courtrooms. It also onboarded the National Judicial Data Grid, a repository of data on pendency and disposal of cases.

The SC also stepped in to assuage the concerns of those hit by ethnic violence in Manipur and passed a raft of directives, including for setting up a panel of three former women high court judges to ensure that people are protected, rehabilitated and compensated.

Batting for media freedom, it said criticism of government policies cannot be termed "antiestablishment" and quashed the Centre's telecast ban on Malayalam news channel, MediaOne'.

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Shot In Kashmir

the familiar world he left behind.

The cinematic adaptation of this story, running for one hour and fortyone minutes, which was released in the USA on October 6, has captivated audiences from the very beginning. Academy members who attended the recent screening praised the movie, considering it a strong contender for an Oscar nomination. The film is now reportedly in the running to be India's official entry for the 96th Academy Awards that will happen in March

Golden Globe winner and filmmaker, Siddiq Barmak praised the movie as an "enchanting" cinematic experi-ence. "Country of Blind is an enchanting film. It emerges as a battleground where love contends with freedom, where the decision to stay or depart teeters on the precipice, and the relentless struggle between blindness and sight reaches its zenith." Barmak commented after watching the movie.

"Combining allegory, love story and adventure, Country of Blind has been a project that I wanted to do for years and the positive reaction from the American entertainment industry is a real honor," filmmaker Rahat Kazmi shared during a Q&A session following the film's screening in Los Angeles.

"I am humbled by the fact that my ork will be alongside some of the most admired scripts ever written and I thank the Academy for this privilege," Kazmi said.

Kazmi mentioned an official statement of Christian Jeune, Director of Cinema Department and jury head of Cannes Film Festival recently saying, "Country of Blind is a spectacular adaptation of an H.G. Wells' short story - proving his writing can match the cinematic vision of a contemporary filmmaker, regardless of their geographical origin."

Expressing her excitement about the subject, Hina Khan had said, "Fingers crossed for this to turn into a nomination! I am extremely happy to see all the hard work pay off in such a special wav. From Cannes to the Oscars, it's been an exciting journey." Hina Khan further spoke about how it was lovely to see an Independent Indian production hit such a milestone, adding, "Being able to represent India on such prestigious platforms like Cannes and now the Oscars is truly a moment of pride for me and our entire film team.

Ahmer Haider from Srinagar, who portrayed the character Vishwa in the film, is overjoyed by the movie's success. He expressed his pride in being part of the project and conveyed gratitude to Rahat Kazmi for providing him the opportunity to work alongside prominent names like Hina Khan in the movie.

"The majestic Himalayas have served as the perfect setting for this historical drama. The movie was filmed in Doodhpathri, Sonamarg, and Gulmarg. A portion of the film was also filmed in Sanasar in Jammu," Ahmer told Kashmir Observer.

Ahmer added that the film making waves at the Oscars is not just a cause for celebration but a reflection of the rich artistic tapestry of the region. "It's more than just a bollywood film; it's a representation of the talent and cultural depth that Kashmir brings to the world stage. The global acclaim is a testament to Kashmir's artistic prowess." he said.

Ahmer Haider has collaborated with Rahat Kazmi previously in the film 'Lines' and mentioned that it was during this project that he was selected for 'Country of Blind' as well. "Our hard work is being recognised and we

are looking forward to the film's release in India.'

In an interview with The Daily Guardian, Kazmi who has directed other films like Lihaaf, Identity Card, The Last Coffee, said "Kashmir is my home, I was born and brought up there, at Poonch, so I have a deep connection with the land, plus it is considered as the most beautiful or one of the most beautiful places on earth and filming there was an amazing experience.

The local crew members and artists were very supportive and everyone from a spot boy to a lightman used to say while filming 'Sir this film will go to the Oscars'. So this is something which everyone has manifested, and this used to come naturally.

Media reports said that both Rahat Kazmi and Tariq Khan live close to the Line of Control in Poonch and chose art over guns during the peak of militancy in the region. Tariq Khan was even kidnapped by militants in 1998 but was let off safely. Later, Tariq and Kazmi left the incident behind them and both were determined to make it to Bollywood.

'Country of Blind' isn't their first film that has captured international attention. Earlier, 'Identity Card' was shown in the US Parliament while discussing the Kashmir issue, Tariq said. "That film got us best film, best director best supporting actor award in the USA and then one award in IFEFA Australia and best film award in ZEE Cinema's Rajasthan International Film Festival in 2014," Tariq added.

Pahalgam Coldest

was lower than usual in the morning while vehicles were seen moving at slow speeds due to the reduced

"The visibility in Srinagar at 8.30 am was 91 metres due to the fog cover. Motorists should drive carefully due to the low visibility," an official of the local Met office said. A Srinagar airport official said some

flights from Delhi have been delayed due to poor visibility in the national capital. "We do not have any issues on this

side but some Srinagar-bound flights have been delayed due to dense fog in Delhi," the official said. the India

According to Meteorological Department, the visibility around Palam in Delhi was zero Kashmir is currently under the grip

of 'Chilla-i-Kalan' -- the 40-day harshest winter period when a cold wave grips the region and the temperature drops considerably, leading to the freezing of water bodies, including the Dal Lake, as well as water supply lines in several parts of the Valley.

The chances of snowfall are the highest during this period and most areas, especially the higher reaches, receive heavy snow.

'Chilla-i-Kalan' will end on January 31. However, the cold conditions will continue after that with a 20-day 'Chilla-i-Khurd' (small cold) and a 10day 'Chilla-i-Bachha' (baby cold).

DM Likely To

three civilians died last week allegedly in the Army's custody.

Unprecedented Progress we are one. This unity is our real

strength. We have to strengthen it further," Murmu said.

The president noted that after the removal of Article 370, there has been an "unprecedented" progress in the development of Jammu and Kashmir, according to a statement issued by the Rashtrapati Bhavan.

The government of India and the local administration are working together for the progress of the people, Murmu said.

The president urged members of the youth delegation to take advantage of the developmental efforts being made by the government.

She said that by doing this, new paths of progress will open in their Murmu advised them to stay away

from drugs, anti-social elements and negative publicity for their bright She said democracy provides fair opportunities to everyone, they just

have to believe in it and move forward with dedication and hard work. Technology is being used extensively in governance for the benefit of

common people, the president said. "Moving towards digital Jammu and Kashmir, the administration has taken important initiatives to make the governance future-ready," Murmu said.

She said that effective delivery and transparency are the basis of good

The president was happy to note that with this thought more than 1.100 government services have been made online which are in the interest of the general public.

Army Chief Reviews

and the prevailing security situation.

The officials said General Pande visited Dhera Ki Gali and reviewed the anti-terrorist operation going on in Surankote and nearby Rajouri district's Thanamandi forest belt for the last five days to neutralise the terrorists behind the dastardly attack on December 21.

The Army chief later flew to the 25 Infantry division headquarters in Rajouri and was briefed by the commanders on the ground about the overall security situation, they said.

Northern Command General Officer Commanding-in-chief Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi and Jammu-based White Knight Corps' General Officer Commanding Lt Gen Sandeep Jain accompanied the army chief. Both of them along with senior civil and police officers are camping in the twin districts of Rajouri and Poonch to supervise the anti-terrorist operation and maintain law and order.

Sending a strong message that it has taken a serious note of the death of the three civilians which has sparked allegations of custodial torture and widespread outrage, the Army has initiated a Court of Inquiry. Video clips purportedly showing their torture were shared widely on social media.

A brigadier-level officer, incharge of the Surankote belt, has been shifted and action against other officers of the unit concerned will also be taken, the sources said.

In a post on X on December 23, the ADGPI had said, "Search operations by the security forces are continuing in the area of operations after the incident of 21 Dec 23. Reports have been received regarding three civilian deaths in the area. The matter is under investigation. Indian Army stands committed to extending full support and cooperation in the conduct of investigations.'

The counter-insurgency unit of the Army was in the news for wrong reasons in October also when one of its major-rank officers opened fire on his colleagues and exploded grenades inside the Neeli post camp near Thanamandi, leaving five personnel including three officers injured.

The sources said police have also registered a case under section 302 (murder) of the Indian Penal code against unidentified army personnel.

...after terror incident at DKG on December 21, army troops carried out searches in Topa Peer in buffliaz for the terrorists who escaped after the attack. During searches, Army troops detained a few local youth for questioning, reportedly three such youth namely Safeer Ahmad, Mohd Showkat and Shabir Ahmad succumbed to

"As such, cognizable offence under section 302 IPC is made out. On this information instant case stands registered. As the instant case is of special nature special report will be submitted separately as investigation is taken up," an official said quoting the FIR.

Mohd Sadiq, a relative of one of the deceased, said the three men were picked up by the troops accompanied by policemen Mohd Rafiq and Mohd Rashid along with their sources Jagi and Ganesh in the full public gaze.

"We want names of the concerned Army major, policemen and the army sources to be included in the FIR besides immediate shifting of the Rashtriya Rifles camp," he said, adding "innocent persons were killed in cold

blood and we want justice for them". Meanwhile, the mobile internet services remained suspended in both Poonch and Rajouri districts for the third day on Monday as a precautionary measure to check gering and prevent miscreants from creating any law and order problem, the officials said.

The services were suspended early Saturday following the killing of the three civilians.

The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Saturday announced compensation and jobs to the families of the dead civilians and said the medico-legal formalities were conducted and legal action in this matter has been initiated by the appropriate authority.

Our Priority

Mill in Madhya Pradesh's Indore

city.
The decision will benefit more than 4,800 labourers, he said at the programme 'Mazdooron ka Hit, Mazdooron ko Samarpit'.

The PM also praised the state government for resolving this issue, which was pending for a long time, and said he was fortunate to be a part of this event.

He said the Madhya Pradesh government has taken significant steps to transform the lives of the poor.

"I have always said that for me, the biggest four castes are poor, youth, women and farmers. Our priority is to respect and empower the poor and deprived," he said.

Modi further said that getting the blessings of labourers on the occasion of the Good Governance Day, being observed on the birth anniversary of former prime minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee, will prove to be beneficial for the "double-engine" government and the people of the state.

Workers of the Hukumchand Mill fought a long legal battle for the payment of their dues after the mill in Indore was closed in 1992, and went into liquidation.

On the initiative of the Madhya Pradesh government, the state Housing & Infrastructure Development Board and labour unions sealed an agreement and the settlement amount was deposited in the high court on December 20, officials earlier said.

Modi said he was told that when the package was announced for the Hukumchand Mill workers, there was a festive atmosphere in Indore.

"This decision has further increased the festive joy among our labourer brothers and sisters," he said.

Today's programme is the result of years of penance of labourers, Modi "It is the result of many years of

their dreams and resolutions. I firmly believe that the families of labourers will shower their blessings upon the new team of the double-engine government," he said.

The people of Indore will remember December 25 as the day the workers got justice, he said.

"I bow before your patience and salute your hard work," the PM added. He said the BJP's "double-engine" government is committed to restore

the glory of Indore. "Notably, the investment corridor between Bhopal and Indore is being established. Also, the Indore-Pithampur Economic Corridor and Multi-Modal Logistic Park are being developed," he said.

The prime minister said amounts worth thousands of crores were being invested in these projects. "This will not only ensure development and prosperity in the region, but will also generate thousands of employment opportunities for our youth," he said.

These developmental projects will strongly strengthen the economy of the region, he said.

"I am well aware of the the blessings and love of the labourers," Modi said.

He referred to Indore's foremost position in cleanliness and delicacies, and also highlighted the textile sector's role in the industrial landscape of the city.

He also mentioned about the impor-

cloth market here, the Holkars establishing the first cotton mill in the city and the popularity of Malwa cotton. At that time, the rates of cotton used to be set by Indore and this place was

tance of Maharaja Tukoji Rao Holkar

compared with Manchester (a textile industry hub of the UK), he said. That was the golden period of Indore's textiles scene but it was neglected by the previous governments.

Modi said 'The double-engine government is trying to restore the old glory of Indore." he said.

Many cities in MP, including Indore, have become examples of finding a balance between development and nature, Modi said.

He gave examples of Asia's largest

operational Gobar-Dhan (bio-CNG)

plant here and the development of the electric vehicles charging infrastructure in the city. PM Modi also mentioned about laying the foundation stone for a 60 MW solar power plant in Jalood, which will help the Indore Municipal Corporation

to save Rs 4 crore per month in electricity bills. Referring to the use of 'green bonds' in an attempt to arrange funds for the plant, he said it will ensure participation of the people in protecting nature.

The prime minister also said the state government is working to fulfil guarantees offered during the recent assembly polls. In order to achieve saturation of the

Sankalp Yatra' is reaching every corner of Madhya Pradesh, he said. "I request the people of Madhya Pradesh to take full advantage of

government schemes, 'Viksit Bharat

the 'Modi ki Guarantee' vehicles," he

MP Chief Minister Mohan Yadav also addressed the programme.

President Okays

abolished sedition as a crime and

introduced a new section titled "offenses against the state".

We see the difficulties, tough times and challenges faced by the people there but we have left it to the Lord, praying for peace in the region through Him," Father P Tigga said after the Christmas Mass at the Holy Family

Christmas Celebrated

Catholic Church. The conflict has been triggered by unprecedented and multi-pronged attacks against Israel by Hamas militants from Gaza since October 7. Israel has launched a massive counter-offensive in Gaza to avenge the attacks.

Father Tigga said Christmas carries the fundamental message of love,

peace, and happiness. "We feel happy today as we gather here, we feel unity among us. We have especially prayed for the Kashmir region, for our parents, brothers and sisters, for everyone... so that we must all live together. We should have humanness, that is what is important,

he said. **Six-Fold Increase**

2023-24 so far.

Dr Mir Mushtaq, Nodal Officer, National Tobacco Control Programme (NTCP) for Kashmir said that anti-tobacco drives are being launched regularly in all the districts in Kashmir and COTPA violators are being fined

He said that their motive is to limit the prevalence of smoking as tobacco is putting a huge economic burden on people and it carries health hazards. "Tobacco is responsible for many

diseases prevalent in society, particularly various cancers, cardiac diseases and many more", he said, while putting emphasis on coordination of all departments and public cooperation to get rid of this menace.

As per the National Health Survey figures, the prevalence of tobacco in Kashmir includes Kupwara 56%, Shopian 52%, Anantnag and Bandipora 49% each, Budgam 48 %, Pulwama 44%, Ganderbal 42%, Baramulla and Kulgam 41% each and Srinagar 38%.

Pertinently, as per GATS 2 Data, 35.2% men & 5.1% women and 20.8% of all adults smoke tobacco in J&K.

As per the data, 6.8% men & 1.5% women and 4.3% of all adults currently use smokeless tobacco, 39.7% men & 6.2 % women & 23.7% of all adults either smoke tobacco or use smokeless Tobacco.

The government has also imposed a complete ban on the sale of loose cigarettes, loose beedis and loose tobacco while all educational institutions and tourist destinations were declared as tobacco free zones.

Tobacco is said to be the leading cause of preventable deaths in the world. It kills approximately more than seven million globally and more than one million in India. Lung cancer has been found to be

the second commonest cancer. In the past few decades, the cancer catastrophe has created havoc globally with Kashmir witnessing rise in such cases.

As per the hospital-based data from Kashmir valley, males have higher incidence of lung cancer.

There is a direct relation between length of smoking and number of cigarettes smoked per day. Even if smokers quit smoking, there are chances of developing cancer but these chances decrease to a greater extent, officials said-(KNO)

Minibus Falls

were taken to hospital.

One of the critically injured people --17-year-old Tahir Ahmad -- succumbed while being shifted to Rajouri for specialised treatment, the officer said.

Elements Behind Targeted Killings Will Be Brought To **Justice Soon: BJP Leader**

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: BJP leader Ashok Koul on Monday condemned the killing of a retired police officer in Jammu and Kashmir's Baramulla district and said the elements behind targeted killings in the valley will be brought to justice soon.

Koul also said he is confident that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) will win more than 50 seats in Jammu and Kashmir whenever the Assembly polls are held in the Union Territory.

Talking to reporters after a party function here, the BJP leader said, "I am confident that our administration will throw out the elements who carry out such incidents and bring them to justice. We condemn the targeted killings, which will be ended soon by the administration, and the forces that carry out such attacks will not be seen any longer.'

He said the killing of retired superintendent of police Mohammad Shafi Mir while he was calling for "azaan" on Sunday morning cannot be tolerated in any religion.

"The SP was killed in Baramulla. He was killed in a mosque while he was calling for azaan. Killing such a person cannot be tolerated in any religion and it is condemnable," Koul said.

Replying to a question, he pointed out that while recent attacks have taken place on security personnel, people from other walks of life have also been targeted by terrorists.

"It is not that police are the only target, there are other people also who were targeted. But yes, of late, only police personnel have been attacked," he

Asked about the BJP's chances in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly polls whenever they are held, Koul said he is confident that the party will win more than 50 seats in the Union Territory.

"Our job is to work hard. We do not bother about the fruit. We will get the fruit. Look at the results in Chhattisgarh. Nobody gave us a chance there. Even our own workers were not sure, but the BJP had done work and we won 54 of the 90 seats.

"In Jammu and Kashmir, we will get more than 50 of the 90 seats," he said.

Koul evaded a direct reply on whether talks should be held with Pakistan, but pointed out that every possible effort has been made to have friendly relations with the neighbouring country.

"(Former prime minister) Atal Bihari Vajpayee went to Lahore on a bus and (Prime Minister Narendra) Modiji went there from Kabul, sidestepping the protocol, to talk to Nawaz Sharif. I do not think anyone can have a more friendly attitude. It was the first time that the prime minister of a country, instead of travelling on his plane, travelled on another country's plane. A day after he (Modi) returned from Pakistan, (the) Pathankot (attack) took place," the BJP leader said.

Gulmarg Jampacked With 10,000 Visitors On Christmas



Agencies

SRINAGAR: In a festive spectacle, Gulmarg, the renowned ski-resort embraced its winter charm, attracting around 10,000 tourists on Christmas Eve.

The pristine snow-covered landscape echoed with joyous celebrations as locals, domestic and foreign tourists immersed in the festive spirit. The snowfall not only added to the scenic beauty but also contributed to Gulmarg's economic vibrancy.

Assistant Director Tourism, Gulmarg, Javeed Ahmed said Gulmarg recorded over 10,000 tourists on Christmas Eve, with a significant influx of foreign

Javeed expressed optimism about a surge in foreign arrivals as winter activities unfold.

On Sunday, Gulmarg marked 4,912 visitors, followed by 4,828 on Monday, which indicates a robust start to the season, Ahmed said, adding, "With a total of 16,000 tourist arrivals so far, we anticipate a substantial increase in footfall, gearing up for a successful season."

The average daily influx of 5,000 tourists is expected to rise, and Gulmarg is poised for a bustling New Year, the Assistant Director Tourism said.

Despite the high demand, the hospitality sector, including hotels and guesthouses, is efficiently accommodating the surge, showcasing Gulmarg's capacity to host a large number of tourists, the officials said.

Speaking to reporters on the sidelines of a Christmas celebration at Gulmarg, Director Tourism, Raja Yaqoob highlighted the department's preparation for the New Year and the joy of witnessing mostly foreign tourists exploring the valley.

While Pahalgam is nearing full capacity, Sonamarg, opening for winter tourism for the first time, is also witnessing a rise in tourist arrivals, Raja Yaqoob said, adding this positive news during a Christmas celebration at Gulmarg.

"Mostly foreign tourists are coming to the valley this time, which is a happy moment for all of us," Director Tourism said.

As part of the festive celebrations, Saint Mary's Church hosted a joyous event led by Father Eric and Father Venoo. Community members gathered to offer prayers in accordance with their religious traditions, and a ceremonial cake-cutting added to the festive spirit, attended by officials and stakeholders alike—(KNO)

Drug Peddler Arrested In Baramulla: Police

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Police on Monday said to have arrested a drug peddler in Baramulla and recovered contraband substance from his possession.

A police party of Police Station Kunzer headed by SHO PS Kunzer at a checkpoint established at Ganiwani Kunzer, intercepted a person identified as Showkat Ahmad Dar son of Mohammad Abdullah Dar resident of Ganiwani Kunzer, a police spokesman said.

During the search, 115 grams of Charas was recovered from his possession. He has been arrested and shifted to PS Kunzer as per law," police said.

where he remains in custody. Accordingly, police said that a case under relevant sections of law has been registered at Police Station Kunzer & investigations have been initiated.

"We urge the common masses that if you witness drug peddling or any other crime anywhere near you, feel free to contact the nearest police establishment or dial 112. People are requested to cooperate with police in curbing the menace of drugs from the society. We reassure the community members that police will act tough against the criminals



DESPITE INTENSE COLD and foggy weather conditions, a large number of devotees on Monday visited churches in Kashmir Valley to celebrate the festival of Christmas. KO PHOTO, ABID BHAT

Expansion of Railway Network In J&K Boosting Tourism: Minister

Says USBRL Most Challenging Railway Line Project

SRINAGAR: The government of India has made significant efforts to expand the railway network in Jammu and Kashmir, and the work is ongoing to connect more districts in the valley to the rest of the country.

This was stated by Ashwini Vaishnaw, Minister of Railways, Communication, and Electronic & Information Technology, during a session in the Lok Sabha recently.

In response to inquiries regarding the measures taken to extend the Indian Railways network in J&K, Ashwini Vaishnaw said that the expansion of the rail line in J&K is benefiting the local community and businesses by improving transportation and connectivity, boosting tourism, and facilitating the movement of goods and services.

"It's a positive development for the region," the Minister said. Notably, the Udhampur-Baramulla rail link (USBRL) project, which is nearing completion, will enable the first direct train connection between Jammu and the valley this winter. The government said, out of the total 272 Km of USBRL, 161 KM has already been commissioned. The work on the Katra-Banihal section, which spans

111 km has been taken up. The Minister said the anticipated cost of the project is Rs 37,012 crore, against which, expenditure of Rs 34,261 crore has been incurred up to March, 2023. Additionally, an outlay of Rs 5,310 crore has been allocated for the year 2023-24.

"USBRL project has been the most difficult railway line project undertaken in the country post-independence,"



the Minister said in a written reply to Lok Sabha.

The terrain passes through the young Himalayas, which are full of geological surprises and numerous challenges. This section predominantly involves tunneling, with 97.42 km out of 111 km (87%) of the Katra-Banihal section's length being in tunnels. The maximum length of Tunnel T-49 is 12.77 km, making it the longest transportation railway tunnel in the country.

government tained that the USBRL Project has made substantial socioeconomic contributions to the region, with employment generation being a significant aspect of its impact.

"The project has generated of indirect employment so far," the Minister said.

He said that, to promote rail-based tourism, Indian Railways issued the 'Bharat Gaurav Trains' policy in November 2021. Under this policy, theme-based tourist circuit trains are being operated with the objective of showcasing India's rich cultural heritage and magnificent historical places. As per this policy, service providers have full flexibility to decide the themes and itineraries for operation of Bharat Gaurav tourist circuit trains which may include tourist circuits of any part of India including Jammu and Kashmir based on market demand, commercial viability etc," the Minister said in response to the question. The Minister further added

that at present, 9 pairs of trains are running over the Kashmir valley section due to which travel time of passengers has been reduced and travel experience has also become more comfortable than bus services. The passenger services and facilities are being improved by major redevelopment of Jammu Tawi railway station. "To enhance the travel experience of passengers, a Vistadome coach is attached to a special train being run over Kashmir Valley," he said.

"Catering services to the passengers travelling in trains are provided through pantry cars /mini pantry, train side vending and static units at enroute stations. In addition to this, passengers also have the facility to order food of their choice through e- catering services which are available at major en- route stations."

Div Com Reviews Winter Preparedness In Kashmir

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri Monday convened a meeting to take holistic review of winter preparedness of all the departments in Kashmir.

The meeting was attended by Deputy Commissioners (DCs) of Baramulla, Anantnag, Bandipora, Budgam and Shopian, Director Food Civil Supplies and Consumer Affairs (FCS&CA), Director Health Services Kashmir, Chief Engineer Mech and Hosp Engineering, Chief Engineers of R&B North and South Kashmir, C.E IOCL North, besides representatives of other DCs, KPDCL and PHE etc.

The chair reviewed department wise preparedness for winters to ensure smooth supply of essentials viz. ration. water, electricity, and medical care, besides timely road clearance to ensure smooth movement of vehicles etc.

Taking stock of supply position of essentials in snow bound areas that remain cutoff during winters; the Director FCS&CA informed the meeting that there is no dearth of fuel in Kashmir and they have



maintained sufficient stocks of it in snow bound areas, besides they have also made 100% stocks of ration at such places.

Officer from KPDCL informed the chair that the department is maintaining the curtailment programme while there are no distress cuts since additional 200 MWs of power. He further informed that they are providing round the clock power supply to 22 Feeders where both smart metering and cabling has been done, and in addition they are extending the facility to more 8 to 10 Feeders.

In case of replacement of Damaged Distribution Transformers (DDTs), the Officer informed that in urban areas they are placing the DDTs within 48 hrs while in rural areas the exercise is completed within 1-2 days.

The Div Com directed the KPDCL authorities to ensure damaged DTs are replaced

within timeframe as per the directions of Lt. Governor and common masses do not have to face any difficulty.

He also directed to keep man and material ready to meet any exigency in case of heavy snowfall besides take stringent action against hooking.

The Director Health Services briefed the chair regarding deployment of 15 numbers of 4*4 vehicles in far-flung areas. He also assured that there is sufficient availability of Doctors and Medicines in Kashmir Hospitals especially those that remain cut-off during winters.

The Div Com directed the Health Services Authorities to ensure night staff remains available in hospitals to cater emergency cases. Besides, he also directed him to conduct inspections to ensure availability of doctors and other paramedical staff in hospitals.

Upgrading its number of machines from 252 in last year to 282 machines this year to undertake snow clearance, the Chief Engineer Mech and Hosp Engineering informed that in addition to increasing the number of machinery they have established 11 units across Kashmir to ensure timely snow clearance on roads.

LG Pays Rich Tributes To Vajpayee, BHU Founder

Attends Function Organized On Occasion Of Malaviya, Atal Bihari Vajpayee Jayanti

GHAZIPUR: The Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, attended a function organized on Janm-Jayanti of Mahamana Pt Madan Mohan Malaviya and former PM Atal Bihari Vajpayee as the Chief Guest in Ghazipur on Monday.

In his address, the LG said,

vision and ideals continue to remain as relevant in the 21st century and playing a leading role in building a self-reliant India of Mahamana's dreams. By establishing BHU, Mahamana ensured that young men and women realise their full potential & live a righteous life," Sinha said.

"The humanity must follow



Mahamana was one of the main architects of modern education and industrial development while Atal Bihari Vajpayee with his policies and public service laid foundation of good governance in the country.

"Mahamana as an independent thinker, social reformer & educationist always believed in setting higher goals. He was determined to change the fate of India & destiny of youth. He applied his wisdom & values in actions, bringing new revolutions in education, technology & industries," Sinha said.

He said the vision of Mahamana in 20th century on Selfreliance, Swadeshi, technical education, Women's education Swarajya was to achieve the goal of independent and Atma-Nirbhar Bharat.

The LG noted that Mahamana gave two important Mantra's in his life – first, devotion to God through right conduct and second, service to the nation with total dedication. He said the entire society will have to come together to ensure that the new momentum gained towards women empowerment continues and we must inspire everyone to follow the ideals and values of Mahamana to build a strong and prosperous India.

"Mahamana's lifelong mission was to transform the lives of people & strengthen the his principles to eradicate differences and discrimination. The resolve of every person, every mind must be committed to create a caring and inclusive society to build Viksit Bharat by 2047. This will be true tribute to Mahamana," he added.

The LG said, the life of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee Ji was dedicated to social equality, equal opportunities to all and empowerment of marginalised in society.

His tenure as a Prime Minister and life in public service symbolizes an era of good governance. He will continue to inspire all of us to serve people with dedication and devotion. I consider Atal ji a true warrior of public life who laid special emphasis on promoting decentralized system of governance, the bottom up approach for active participation of people in decision making," the Lt Governor said.

The Lt Governor observed that Atal Ji's determination, character and values, his poetic heart, his revolutionary vision influenced a wide spectrum of our national life for decades.

"With his spiritual strength, humility, oratory and dedication towards the nation he transcended the boundary of ideologies. Even People who had completely opposite views had become his admirers," the bonds of unity in society. His Lt Governor further added.

Sharma Nominated As Advisor By AIFA, Amritsar **For Centenary Celebrations**

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Indian Academy of Fine Arts (IAFA), Amritsar, one of the premier organizations working for the cause of art, has nominated O P Sharma, the Founder Director, Jammu & Kashmir Centre for Creative Arts (JKCCA), Jammu as Advisor for the Centenary Celebrations (2023-2028) of the Indian Academy of Fine Arts, Amritsar (Punjab).

It may be mentioned here that Indian Academy of Fine Arts, Amritsar is one of the oldest and the most prestigious institutions in India, promoting art & culture not in the region only but world wide. The Academy was established during 1928, and is affiliated with National Lalit Kala Akademi, New Delhi. The foundation stone of the main building of the Academy was laid down by Dr. Rajender Prasad, the first President of India on 13th April, 1961.

Sharma, hailing from Kot, Jammu (J&K), the Founder Director of Jammu & Kashmir Centre for Creative Arts (JKCCA), Jammu, is a renowned artist and photographer. He has been active in promoting art & culture for the last 40 years. He has participated in many national and international art exhibitions, art camps and seminars. He has been awarded at state and national level by many organizations of the country. He has held many solo shows of his art works in various art galleries of the country. He has a vast experience in the field of visual arts. He has worked as Exhibition Officer and Special Officer, Grade- 1 in I&K Academy of Art, Culture and Languages. He has curated a large number of state, national and international art exhibitions and camps throughout the country. He has been jury for many national level art exhibitions.

PDP Claims Mehbooba Put Under **House Arrest Ahead Of Poonch Visit**

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: The PDP on Monday claimed that party president Mehbooba Mufti was placed under house arrest ahead of her scheduled visit to Surankote in Pooch district where three civilians died allegedly in Army custody.

Four soldiers lost their lives when their vehicles were ambushed by terrorists at Dhatyar Morh between Dhera Ki Gali and Buffliaz in the Surankote area of Poonch on Thursday.

In the aftermath of the attack, the three civilians, aged between 27 and 42, were were allegedly picked up by the Army for questioning. They were found dead on December 22.

"Mehbooba Mufti, PDP Chief, forcefully placed under house arrest before her scheduled visit to Surankote, where she aimed to assess the situation and console families of victims killed under army custody," the PDP posted on X. The party condemned the alleged government move.

"PDP vehemently condemns the unjust house arrest of party chief @MehboobaMufti. The sealing of gates and restrictions obstructing her Surankote visit are unwarranted and demands strong opposition," the party said.

On Sunday, Mufti urged Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha to intervene as more youth were being held by security forces without informing their families in the wake of the ambush.

Upbeat Rohit Wants To Break India's Winless Streak In SA

Press Trust of India

JOHANNESBURG: Sharma, as leader of the side, wants to achieve what past Indian teams have not in the past 31 years -- a series victory in South Africa -- but even that won't be able to heal the scars of World Cup final defeat.

The skipper wants his unit to be the first one to win a series in the Rainbow Nation in India's ninth attempt since 1992.

"These are very important matches in terms of where we stand as a team. Also to look back that we have never won a series here as well, it's a big opportunity for us to do well here," Rohit said on the eve of the opening Test.

"We came pretty close the last two times when we toured here but again we have come to this place



with lot of confidence to try and achieve what nobody (Indian) team has ever achieved in this part of the world," the skipper said, exuding confidence.

So will it act as a balm for World Cup final defeat and he was straight?

"I don't know whether a Test series win in South Africa can be a balm for a World Cup final defeat. I mean World Cup is World Cup. Itni mehnaat ki haai. kuch toh result milein. (We

"Prasidh (Krishna) extracts a lot of bounce due to his height and Mukesh can swing the ball. We were suppose to have a look at pitch today and decide whether we want someone to bowl up or back. We have 75 percent decided and rest 25 percent we would tomorrow," the skipper replied with a wry smile.

South Africa isn't exactly a dream destination for batters and in Shreyas Iyer, Shubman Gill and Yashasvi Jaiswal, the team has three top-order players, playing a Test here for the first time.

"That's a challenge. But at some point, we (him, Virat Kohli, KL Rahul) were also newcomers when we came to South Africa or Australia or England, And it's the same for these guys as well.

CANCER SOCIETY OF KASHMIR

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Subject: - Notice for inviting tenders for Anticancer Drugs and other related supportive drugs etc.

TENDER NOTICE

- Sealed tenders in two cover bid system affixed with Rs.10/- Revenue Stamps are invited for and on behalf of Chairman Cancer Society of Kashmir from Manufacturers/Firms/Companies/Stockists/Authorised distributers for one year W.e.f. date of approval of rate contract which must reach this office by or before 26-01-2024 for the following groups
- 2. Group-A Anticancer Drugs
- 3. Group-B Colostomy / Urostomy / ilosetomy Bags
- 4. Group-C Surgical Items / Supportive Drugs

Annexure A Annexure B Annexure C

- The tenders should be accompanied with Earnest Money Deposit for Group "A" of Rs. 1.00 lac, for Group "B" Rs, 60,000/- & for Group "C" Rs, 10,000/- in shape of CDR/FDR to be drawn on any Nationalized/Scheduled Bank pledged to the Cancer Society of Kashmir. Without which tenders shall not be entertained.
- The tenders should be addressed to the Chairman Cancer Society of Kashmir 4-Baghi Islam Colony Lalnagar Chanapora.
- Tenders should invariably be submitted in two Bid System containing two parts as detailed below:-

sealed cover.

Part I ----- Techno Commercial Bid in separate sealed cover Part II ----- Price Bid/Financial Bid for all groups in another

Both sealed covers to be put in outer cover.

- Detailed tender notice along with list of drugs can be had from CSK office against the cash payment of Rs, 500/- each on all working days from 10:00 Am to 04:00 Pm.
- Authorised distributor shall enclose copy of authorisation letter of the concerned company.
- CSK reserves the right to accept/reject any tender/tenders without assigning any reason thereof. On acceptance of tender and its communication to the successful tenderer, the same shall be binding upon the successful tenderer with immediate effect.

General Secretary Cancer Society of Kashmir.

Khelo India Women's Rugby **League Begins In Srinagar**

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Khelo India Women's Rugby League in Jammu & Kashmir 2023 began Monday at Polo Ground West here. The league is being organised under the banner of Sports Authority of India and in collaboration with Rugby India and J&K Sports Council. The competition will be held from December 25 to 26.

More than 400 females athletes from across J&K are taking part in the mega tournament, which will have Sub Junior, Junior and Senior Girls categories.

Tausif Ahmed, co-ordinator of Khelo India J&K and SAI Badminton Coach. along with Zulfkar Ali Bhat, Water Sports Coach from SAI Water Sports Centre Nehru Park, and Prateek Kumar, Assistant Volleyball Coach from SAI STC Jammu, graced the event.

The winning team will be awarded with Rs. 50,000 cash award, while first runner-up gets Rs. 30.000 and the second runner-up are awarded Rs. 20,000.

All three age categories will be awarded with cash award and certificate medals, souvenirs, etc.

City Club Dalgate Clinch CRPF Football Cup Title



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have been working so hard,

it's time we get some big

result). We all want that,'

Rohit answered typically in

Shami, who played a big

role in the 2021 Test win at

Centurion, will be missed

due to his left heel injury.

"What he has done for

our team over the years,

obviously it's a big miss but

someone will come in place

of him, try and fill in that

role and it will not be easy

However, Mohammed

his own sweet style.

SRINAGAR: City Club Dalgate emerged triumphant in the final of the CRPF Football Cup 2023 against Kashmir United FA on Monday at Synthetic Turf TRC here. The Dalgate boys won the game 4-3 on penalties.

The final game took place in the presence of Ajay Kumar Yadav, IPS, IG Srinagar Sector, V K Birdi IPS IGP Kashmir Deputy Inspector Generals of CRPF, Ashish Mishra IPS Senior Superintendent of J&K Police Srinagar, ShriRam IPS SP East City Srinagar, and senior officers of CRPF Srinagar Sector and J&K Police.

Officials of J&K Football Association as well as Sajid Yousuf Dar, International coach and Coach Educator, along with several other guests graced the occasion.

MAZBOOTI SE BANI HAR — DEEWAR SE JHALAKTE HAI-DIL KE EHSAAS









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