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India's Amrit Kaal

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Gujarat: Asserting that India was working on the goal of becoming a developed country in the next 25 years, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said that the upcoming 25 years were India's Amrit Kaal. Modi was speaking at the Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit 2024 in Gandhinagar on Wednesday.

He said, "In the recent past, India completed 75 years of independence. Now, India is working on its goal for the next 25 years. We have the goal of making it a developed country by the time it celebrates 100 years of independence. Therefore, these 25 years' duration is India's Amrit Kaal."

Modi also said that this was the first Vibrant Gujarat Global Summit in this Amrit Kaal and that made it more significant. "Representatives from more than 100 countries, who are participating in this Summit, are crucial partners in this



THE WORLD LOOKS AT INDIA AS A FRIEND WHO CAN BE TRUSTED, A PARTNER WHO BELIEVES in people-centric development, a voice that believes in global good, a voice of the Global South, an engine of growth in the global economy."

development journey of India."

PM Modi also mentioned UAE President Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed, who is attending the Summit, and said, "The participation of UAE President Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed in this Summit, is a matter of great joy for us. His presence as the chief guest at Vibrant Gujarat Summit is a symbol of the ever-strengthening relations between India and UAE... Agreements have been signed | More on P6

Any Elections In J&K Unlikely Before LS Polls: Official

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: Panchayat and municipal elections in Jammu and Kashmir are "extremely unlikely" to take place before the upcoming Lok Sabha polls as the Centre is yet to amend the law for extending reservation to Other Backward Classes (OBCs) in local bodies, a senior official said.

Although the Administrative Council headed by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has taken a decision for extending the benefit of reservation to OBCs in panchayats and municipal bodies, the Centre will

have to either pass an ordinance or bring a bill in Parliament for it.

"It is extremely unlikely that the panchayat polls will be held before the Lok Sabha elections in Jammu and Kashmir. Besides amending the act, the quantum of reservation has also to be decided," State Election Commissioner B R Sharma said. Lok Sabha elections are due in April-May.

Sharma said the commission was performing its statutory duty of revising and updating the electoral rolls in the Union territory.

According to officials, besides the issues related to OBC reservation, the | More on P6



Poor And Underprivileged Have The First Right On Government Resources: LG

Urges People To Assist Civil Admin, Police To Intensify Crackdown On Drug Supply Chain

Observer News Service

Jammu: Reiterating the commitment of his administration towards equitable and inclusive development and to ensure empowerment of all, Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said Wednesday that poor and underprivileged have the first right on government resources.

Participating in Block Diwas, a public outreach programme of J&K administration, at Bhalwal here, Sinha also said that the Jan-Bhagidari campaign to strengthen participatory governance is empowering citizens, generating awareness about responsibilities and ensuring accountability of officers in administration.



He called upon every section of the society to take initiative with dedication and determination to make their panchayat clean, liveable, achieve 100% literacy rate,

and maintain green spaces and 100% saturation of all government schemes.

"The sense of commitment and duty among the citizens towards the society and their

respective panchayats will improve quality of life and pave the way to prosperity," the LG said.

He said the massive and historic participation of people in the Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra and 100% saturation of all schemes will remove developmental imbalances and give a tremendous boost to the local economy. Sinha also reiterated the resolve of his administration towards equitable and inclusive development and to ensure empowerment of all.

"Poor and underprivileged have the first right on government resources. Efforts are being made towards promotion of Dogri and other regional languages, connecting remaining panchayats with roads, boosting | More on P6

'We'll Soon Finish Terror Ecosystem From J&K'

Asserting that peace and development has brought qualitative change in people's lives and standard of living, Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha said Wednesday that terrorism is breathing its last breath and that his administration will soon finish the terror ecosystem from the soil of Jammu and Kashmir. "Our aim is to fulfill the dreams of the common man, provide new heights of success to people's aspirations and every person needs to be empowered to contribute in developed India," Sinha said, while addressing an event organised by All Minority Employees Association of Kashmir at Abhinav Theatre here. On the occasion, he said, | More on P6

Kashmir Faces Decline in Hajj Applications

Aspirants Blame Financial Hurdles



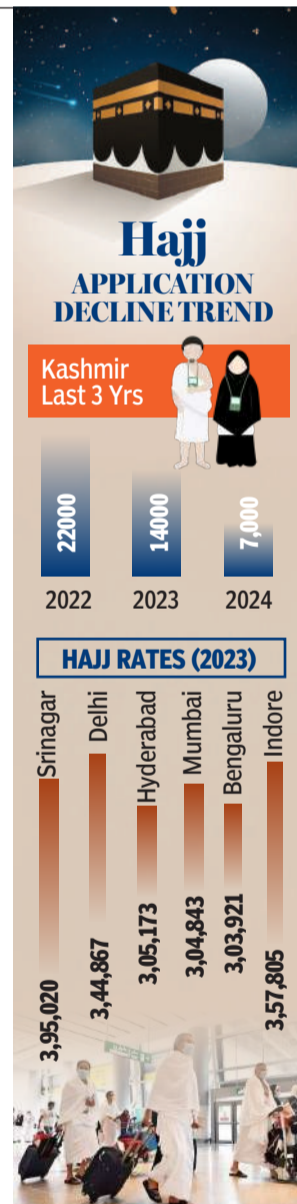
Auqib Javeed

Tariq Ahmad, a retired government employee from North Kashmir's Bandipora district, harbored a strong desire to undertake the Hajj pilgrimage with his wife this year. The couple eagerly anticipated embarking on this spiritually enriching journey. However, upon inquiring

about the expenses involved in performing Hajj this year, they made the difficult decision to abandon their plans.

"We were informed that the Hajj cost this year would be approximately 4.20 lakh per person, totaling 8.40 lakh for both of us. Additionally, we estimated around 1 lakh for personal expenses during our stay there. | More on P6

THE RICH CLASS WILL PREFER PRIVATE OPERATORS BUT the middle class is in trouble due to high borrowing, less savings and the impact of high inflation."



Protecting Public Life Our Key Responsibility: IGP

Orders Stringent Action Against Individuals Found Involved In Anti-Peace Activities

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Calling for a stringent action against individuals found involved in anti-peace activities, the Inspector General of Police (IGP) Kashmir, V. K Birdi on Wednesday asked his officers to maintain vigil against suspicious elements providing any kind of support to terrorist activities in Jammu and Kashmir.

The IGP passed these directions during his visit to the Police district Awantipora



where he inspected Police Station Tral and Police post Aripal and held a detailed interaction with the personnel, a police spokesperson said.

Deputy Inspector | More on P6

Pay Bills Or Face Disconnection: MD KPDCL

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Managing Director, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (KPDCL), Mussarat Islam on Wednesday urged consumers to clear their outstanding balance on account of electricity dues, failing which KPDCL shall be left with no option but to further accelerate its disconnection drives as warranted under Section 56 of the Electricity Act.

He further stated that smart meter consumers with arrears are being automatically disconnected if they do not pay their pending power bills.

Expressing serious concern over huge default figures in domestic, commercial and industrial categories, the MD stated that revenue realized on account of clearance of pending bills shall enable KPDCL to have enough resource availability for power | More on P6

Imran Khan Sought Midnight Call With PM Modi, ISI Tipped Off India On Al Qaeda Plot: Book

KO Correspondent

Srinagar: Right from Prime Minister Narendra Modi refusing a midnight call from his then Pakistani counterpart Imran Khan following 2019 Balakot crisis to Pakistan's ISI tipping off India on a specific Al Qaeda attack in Kashmir, a book by India's former High Commissioner to Pakistan Ajay Bisaria reveals previously undisclosed communications and actions between the two estranged nations during his stint in the neighbouring country.

The book titled 'Anger Management: The Troubled Diplomatic Relationship between India and Pakistan', lays out in great detail the incidents that took place in 2019, especially in the aftermath of the Pulwama bombing that killed 40 CRPF jawans and following the withdrawal of J&K's special status in August of that year. The relationship between India and Pakistan faced significant tension after India's airstrike on a Jaish-e-Mohammed training



camp in Balakot, Pakistan, on February 26, 2019. The action was in retaliation to the Pulwama attack.

The book also describes Bisaria's interactions with Prime Minister Narendra Modi, External Affairs Minister Sushma Swaraj, and key members of the Indian establishment as they dealt with the multiple crises that took place during that time.

Bisaria details a "panic-stricken" midnight call from Khan to the PM Modi, seeking to avert a military crisis. He highlights Pakistan's concern over "credible intelligence" indicating nine Indian missiles aimed at Pakistani territory after the Balakot strikes, emphasizing the efforts made to prevent an escalation. "At around midnight, I got a call in Delhi from Pakistani High

Commissioner Sohail Mahmood, now in Islamabad, who said that PM Imran Khan was keen to talk to Prime Minister Modi. I checked upstairs and responded that our prime minister was not available at that hour, but in case Imran Khan had any urgent message to convey, he could, of course, convey it to me. I got no call back that night," Bisaria says in his book.

Later that night, the US and UK envoys in Delhi told India's foreign secretary that Pakistan was "ready to de-escalate the situation, act on India's dossier, and to seriously address the issue of terrorism", Bisaria says in the book. Bisaria noted Imran Khan's decision to release captured Indian pilot Wing Commander Abhinandan Varthaman as a move towards de-escalation, attributing it to India's assertive diplomacy during the crisis.

The book also revealed India's willingness to send an aircraft to retrieve Varthaman, who was held captive by Pakistan after downing a | More on P6

CAT Quashes Selection Of A Doctor In GMC

Appointment Made Against Statutory Provisions, Advertisement 'Void': CAT

M Ahmad

Srinagar: Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) on Wednesday quashed appointment of a lecturer in Government Medical College here, observing that the appointment made in contravention of statutory provisions or advertisement notice was invalid from the beginning.

A bench of D.S.Mahra - Member (Judicial)- and Prasant Kumar (Member (Administrative))- made the observations while allowing an application filed by one Dr. Mehnaz Habib of Barazulla Srinagar, challenging appointment of Dr R Jan as Lecturer Anesthesiology in Government Medical College Srinagar by the government on 1 June 2021

following the recommendations by the JKPSC.

Dr. Mehnaz Habib had challenged the recommendation by JKPSC as well as subsequent appointment, contending that Dr R Jan does not have the necessary teaching experience as required in terms

of the advertisement notice and Rules applicable as she obtained the same from the Hospital not recognized by the Medical Council of India (Now National Medical Commission) MCI/NMC. "...The private respondent (Dr R Jan) has submitted a certificate dated 20.09.2017 in the first instance in which it is certified byhospital that the private respondent has worked as Critical Care Trainee in the | More on P6

Mercury Plummeted Again

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Mercury plummeted again in Kashmir Valley as Srinagar recorded a low of minus 5.0°C on Wednesday.

Quoting a meteorological department official, news agency GNS reported that the temperature was 3.1°C below normal for the summer capital of J&K for this time of the year.

He said Srinagar saw minimum temperature of minus 2.4°C on the previous night.

Qazigund recorded a minimum of minus 4.4°C against minus 2.6°C on the previous night, he said. The minimum temperature was 1.3°C below normal for the gateway town of Kashmir, the Met official said.

Pahalgam recorded a low of minus 6.3°C against minus 4.4°C on the previous night and it was 0.7°C above normal for the famous resort in south Kashmir.

Kokernag, also in south Kashmir, recorded a minimum of minus 2.4°C against minus 1.2°C on the previous night and the temperature was above normal by 1.6°C for the | More on P6



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I have changed my name from Mohammad Usman Bhat to Mohammad Usman in future I will be known as Mohammad Usman. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Regional Passport Office Srinagar within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

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I Mushtaq Ah Gojri R/o Kulgam Palapora Budgam have lost my all document for my Pajio Auto somewhere bearing Auto No JK04D 6352 . Now I want to its duplicate. Regard this, if anybody is having any objection may file the same to the Concerned Office within a week after that no objection will be submitted.

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MOHAMMAD ARIF MIR S/O GHULAM AHMAD MIR R/O KAKUTHAL KREERI BARAMULLA KRI

From Office of the Advocate Jahangir A. Bhat

In the case of Abid Hussain Payer S/o shamsuddin Payer R/o Sonthipora Kralpora (Caveators) Public at large In the Petition in terms of Section 148-A The caveators have reason to believe that Non-Caveator may file any Application, Petition, Ap- peal, Suit or any other type of proceeding before the Hon'ble Court and on the ground of distorted facts/misrepresentation and cooked story and may seed in obtaining some relief/order at their back/in exparte against the caveators and in such eventuality the caveators will be put in irrepa- rable loss and inconvenience. It would be proper that caveators be given an opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble court before passing any order. Sd/advocate NJ

The Jammu and Kashmir State Board Of School Education

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The applicant/ candidate whose photograph is published in this notice and claiming to have lost her D.O.B and 10th marks certificate/s issued under as per below mentioned details:- Roll No: 2515415 Class 10th Year & Session 2014- Annual Private Registration: N12341430125 Name : Shufuhta Akhtar Father's Name: Mohd Jaffar Tantray Mother's Name : Haleema Date of Birth:- 20-02-1998 Residenc:- Ichahma Beerwah Budgam According to the candidate concerned has approach to this office for issuance of Duplicate DOB AND Marks Certificate/s, so before the same is processed and provided to the candidate, under rules, anybody having any objection in this regard, shall bring into the notice of Assistant Secretary of Certificate as well as Assistant Secretary Examination Unit I & III KD within the period of 10 & 7 days respectively, from the date of publication of this notice. (Besides the above referred "Qualification / Marks Certificate/s" bearing No: 14PKAM- 4003745 be treated as "CANCELLED") No: F/Cer is-I-DQC/B/KD/24 Dated Assistant Secretary BMG Certificates, KD.



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GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR Jammu & Kashmir Services Selection Board

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Subject: Written Examination for the post of Assistant Scientific Officer (Cyber Forensics), Home Department, held on 09-01-2024 - Provisional Answer key regarding.

The Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB) conducted the Written Examination for the post of Assistant Scientific Officer (Cyber Forensics), Home Department, UT Cadre advertised vide Advertisement Notification No. 02 of 2022, under Item No. 49 on 09th January, 2024. The Provisional Answer Key of the question paper (Series A, B, C, D) for the above said examination is provided at Annexure "A" to this notice for the information of the candidates. Any candidate having objection(s) to the answer key, may submit his/her objection(s)/representation(s) in respect of such question(s) on prescribed format/proforma annexed herewith as Annexure "B" along with the documentary proof/evidence substantiating the claim (hard copies only) and a fee of Rs. 200/- (in the form of demand draft) per question (refundable in case of genuine/correct representation/objection) in favour of the Accounts Officer, J&K Services Selection Board. In case, the objection is found correct, the Answer Key will be revised accordingly in respect of all candidates. No candidate will be informed about the acceptance/non-acceptance of his/her objection individually. The objections/representations can be submitted in offline mode only, in the office of JKSSB, CPO Chowk, Panjirthi, Jammu/JKSSB, Zamzam Building, Rambagh, Srinagar on three working days starting from 10-01-2024, during office hours only. The Board shall not entertain any such representations/objections after the expiry of the stipulated period or through any other mode.

Sd/- (Reyaz Ahmad Malik) JKAS Controller of Examinations J&K Services Selection Board

No.: JKSSB-COE0EXAM(UT)/100/2023-03 (7362014) DIPK-15019/23 Dated:- 10.01.2024

ANNEXURE-"A"

Provisional Answer Key of the Written Examination for the post of Assistant Scientific Officer, Cyber Forensics, conducted on 09-01-2024.

Table with 6 columns: Text Booklet Question No., Series A, Series B, Series C, Series D. Rows Q1 to Q71.

Table with 5 columns: Q72 to Q120, A, B, C, D. Rows Q72 to Q120.

(Dr. NehalSJwma) JKAS Under Secretary J&K Services Selection Board

ANNEXURE-"B"

Representation regarding objection(s) to Answer key pertaining to Written Examination for the post of Assistant Scientific Officer, Cyber Forensics held on 09-01-2024. (NOTE: USE SEPARATE FORMS FOR SEPARATE QUESTIONS)

Form with fields: Name of the Applicant, Exam Name, Advertisement No(s), Application No(s), Roll No, Date of Exam, Exam Centre Division, Correspondence Address, Contact / Mobile No., Demand Draft No., Candidates Account No. (16 digit) & IFSC Code.

Table with 4 columns: Question No. & Series, Details of the Objection, Resource Material (copy to be enclosed), Remarks.

Date of Application: -01-2024 Signature of the Candidate Note: Application for each question/answer shall be made on separate page in the given format, otherwise the first question entered in the format shall only be considered.



Nizam Colony, Srinagar Residents Protest Water Scarcity

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The residents of Nizam Colony in Saida Kadal area of Srinagar expressed their anguish against the Jal Shakti department for failing to ensure adequate water supply to them.

The aggrieved residents, chanting slogans, gathered in the area to highlight the ongoing water scarcity issue, which according to them has severely affected their daily lives for an extended period.

"We have been facing

an acute water shortage for the past six months now, and despite numerous complaints and pleas to the authorities, there has been no concrete action to resolve this pressing matter," one of the locals said.

"The authorities need to understand the severity of our situation and take immediate steps to ensure adequate water supply," said Basit, a local student from the area.

Moreover, when contacted, officials from Jal Shakti said the issue will be resolved soon.

DC Srinagar Holds Public Grievance Redressal Camp At Darbagh-Syedpora

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat Wednesday held a Public Grievance Redressal Camp at Darbagh-Syedpora area in Harwan Block of the District under weekly Block Diwas to bring Administration at the door steps of people for an on-spot resolution of their developmental issues.

The Public Grievance Redressal Camp was among others attended by Local DDC and BDC members including Shabir Ahmad Reshi and Haji Ali Mohammad, besides other public representatives and a large gathering of people from the area.

On the occasion, people from Syedpora, Fakir Gujri, Danihama, Mulnar, Gandthal, Theed and other adjoining areas of Harwan Block welcomed Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat with warm greetings for being posted as Deputy Commissioner Srinagar.

The People and public representatives apprised the Deputy Commissioner about the issues confronting them besides their developmental demands including development of road stretch at Sarab Bagh, establishment of Girls Higher Secondary School, Skill Development Centre and Fruit Mandi in the area, providing ATM facility and Transport services for local population, completion of Chandpora-Darbagh road, saturation of beneficiaries under PMAY scheme and other issues.

The Deputy Commissioner after giving patient hearing to the grievances and demands of the public, sought on the spot response from the concerned

Inspects Developmental Works In Harwan Block

Srinagar: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat today undertook an onsite visit to various panchayat Halgas of Harwan Block of the District and inspected several developmental works.

The DC accompanied by the Officers inspected the proposed site for development of a playground for which over 70 kanals of land has been allotted at Darbagh.

While inspecting the site, the DC asked the concerned Officers to pace up the development works of the playground in order to ensure local youth are provided better sports facilities at the earliest.

The DC also took onsite appraisal of the works being carried out on development of spring (Amrit Sarovar) at Syedpora area at an estimated cost of Rs 1.66 lakh.

Similarly, the DC inspected the ongoing works on the construction of Health cum Nutrition Centre being executed at a cost of Rs 24 lakhs under Aspirational Block Development program (ABDP).

District Officers present in the Grievance Redressal Camp. He also assured them that all genuine demands and issues projected by them will be looked into on priority.

The DC also gave on the spot directions to the Officers of line Departments for time bound redressal of the public issues.



Stary canines take a nap at newly refurbished Lal Chowk, with no one taking notice of the huge presence of dogs in the major commercial hub of the city. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Old City's Mughal-Era Kalai Dying From Prolonged Neglect

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The historic Mughal-era Kalai, a structure nestled in downtown Srinagar, is confronting decay owing to the prolonged neglect.

Constructed during the reign of Emperor Akbar, this colossal wall surrounding a hill has weathered the test of time, symbolizing centuries of rich heritage.

Locals from Kathi Darwaaza and Makhdoom Sahab Srinagar area said that standing as a testament to the architectural brilliance of its era, the Kalai has been a silent witness to the passage of history.

However, years of negligence have taken a toll on this

magnificent edifice, prompting concerns among locals regarding its gradual deterioration, they said.

They added that the community, cognizant of the Kalai's significance as an integral part of Srinagar's cultural legacy, is raising alarms, urging immediate attention and preservation measures from concerned authorities.

"The Kalai, a historical wall in downtown Srinagar, is in a dilapidated condition, with many parts on the verge of collapse and deteriorating contact," said a local resident.

Hilal Ahmad Sofi, a member of the Welfare Coordination Committee and a local resident, said, "We would like to request

the authorities to take proactive steps to safeguard and restore the Kalai to its glory."

Mushtaq Beigh, Deputy Director of Archaeology department, when contacted, said, that the project is already underway for restoration under the District Condition Implementation Committee.

He added, under the revival of heritage of Jammu and Kashmir, they have included this project and have also prepared a Detailed Project Report (DPR).

"In phase-II, work on the Kalai will commence, and the second phase might start in April, as we already have many ongoing projects and after the end of phase-I, the work on the second phase will be started," he added.

Commissioner SMC/ VC, SDA Chairs Introductory Meeting with Officers Of SDA

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Commissioner Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), Dr Owais Ahmad who is also holding additional charge of Vice Chairman, Srinagar Development Authority (V.C SDA) today convened an introductory meeting with the officers of the Srinagar Development Authority (SDA) to outline the vision,

goals, and strategic priorities for fostering sustainable urban development in the region.

During the meeting, the Vice Chairman emphasized the pivotal role of SDA in shaping the city's urban landscape and highlighted the importance of collaborative efforts to realize the objectives set forth by the Smart City initiative. The discussions focused on aligning the SDA's activities with the

overarching goal of enhancing livability, promoting economic growth, and preserving the cultural heritage of Srinagar.

The chair underscored the need for a holistic and integrated approach to urban planning, encouraging the officers to leverage innovative solutions and best practices to address urban challenges while ensuring inclusive and sustainable development.

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On the basis of service particulars of Junior Librarian received from concerned DDO the tentative seniority list of Junior Librarian is hereby framed and is uploaded on the website of this office (www.ceo-ganderbal.in) and also on official What's app. Group of this office for information of the concerned. The notification in this regard is also published in the local leading news papers through information department for its wide publicity. The Junior Librarian as listed in Annexure to this notification are hereby directed to verify his/her particulars reflected in the tentative seniority list. Any variation in the particulars, if detected by any of the official, he/ she shall submit his/her objection along with documentary evidence before the DDO as well as this office duly recommended by the concerned DDO and such claim should reach to this office within fifteen (15) days from the date of publishing of this notification.

However after expiry of stipulated period of 15 days, the DDO shall return the tentative seniority list of Junior Librarian of their institutions respectively alongwith the following certificates:-

- 1. Certificate to the effect that all the particulars of their respective employee(s) is/are correct.
2. That No employee has been left out from the tentative seniority list.
3. Certificate to the extent that the official has not acquired any higher qualification during service without permission of the competent authority accept the qualification shown in column titled as "Present Qualification" in the Annexure.
4. The Officials who have enhanced the qualification during service detailed in column titled as "Present Qualification" in the Annexure, shall submit the permission of the competent authority supported by leave account statement.
5. That the official is holding genuine appointment on substantive post.

(Muzamil Akhtar) Chief Education Officer Ganderbal

No:- CEO/Gbl/Estt-I/NT/37/283-88 DIPP-15002/23 Dated:- 10/01/2024

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This Day In History

- 1055 - Theodora is crowned Empress of the Byzantine Empire.
1158 - Vladislav II of Bohemia becomes king
1599 - Jacob van Neck's fleet leaves Bantam, Java in modern day Indonesia with 1 million pounds of pepper and cloves and a further half a ship full of nutmeg, mace and cinnamon
1693 - Mt Etna in Sicily erupts with estimated 7.4 magnitude, most power Italian earthquake, killing around about 60,000
1787 - Titania & Oberon, moons of Uranus, discovered by William Herschel.
1838 - 1st public demonstration of telegraph message sent using dots & dashes at Speedwell Ironworks, Morristown, New Jersey by Samuel Morse and Alfred Vail.
1861 - Mexico City captured by Juarez (Lib) in War of Reform
1861 - Alabama secedes from the Union (US Civil War)
1865 - Battle of Beverly, West Virginia, Confederate forces attack Union post.
1879 - Zulu war against British colonial rule in South Africa begins.
1923 - French & Belgian troops occupy Ruhr to collect reparations.
1924 - A republic is proclaimed in Greece; King George II is deposed and Eleutherios Venizelo is named Prime Minister of the Greek National Assembly.
1942 - Japan conquers Kuala Lumpur, Malaya.
1943 - US & Britain relinquish extraterritorial rights in China.
1959 - Hanif Mohammad completes 499 runs for Karachi, then 1st class cricket world record.
1964 - Panama ends diplomatic relations with US.
1972 - East-Pakistan becomes independent state of Bangladesh
1978- Soyuz 27 links with Salyut 6 & Soyuz 26 (1st time 3 spacecraft link)
1984- NASA space shuttle STS 41-B moves to launch pad
1989- 140 nations agree to ban chemical weapons (poison gas, etc)
1990- 200,000 demand return of Lithuania's independence
1991- Soviets storm buildings in Vilnius to block Lithuania independence
1992- Algeria's President Chadli announces his resignation
1993- British Airways ends one of the longest libel actions in its history
1993- Independent presidential candidate Ross Perot publicly returns to politics
1994- Hyderabad score 6 for 944 against Andhra Pradesh in Ranji Trophy
1994- Irish government announces end of a 20-year broadcasting ban on IRA
1996- Haiti becomes a member of the Berne Convention copyright treaty
1996- Space Shuttle STS 72 (Endeavour 10), launches into space
1997- Telstar 401 Satellite Fails
2003- Washington right wing Jaromir Jagr scores his 10th career hat-trick and adds 4 assists for 7 points and his 1,200th NHL point in a 12-2 win against Florida; Jagr has 20+ goals in each of his 13 NHL seasons
2013- 29 people are killed and 12 are injured after a bus veers off a mountain road in Dohi, Nepal
2013- 46 people are killed and 12 are missing after a landslide buries a village in the Yunnan province, China
2016- FIFA Ballon d'Or: Barcelona forward Lionel Messi wins his record 5th award with 41.33% of the votes; American midfielder Carli Lloyd is Women's World Player of the Year
2018- In China's first significant #MeToo moment Beihang University in Beijing fires a professor for sexual misconduct
2018 US President Donald Trump causes worldwide controversy when it is reported he called African countries "shitholes" during immigration meeting

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Election Year

With general elections due to be held in May-June, there is talk that Panchayat and Assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir are likely to follow the exercise. The tenure of nearly 4,900 village panchayats concluded on Tuesday, leaving rural areas without elected grassroots representatives. However, the District Development Councils, established through direct elections in 2020, remain active. As for the Assembly elections, the Supreme Court's deadline of September 2024 has added a timeline to this process. Logistical and security assessments for these elections are expected during the Election Commission's visit to the region as part of its Lok Sabha polls review. In parallel, the State Election Commission has announced a special summary revision of electoral rolls for Panchayat elections to include newly eligible voters. The final electoral rolls for panchayats are slated for publication on February 26. This should normally pave the way for the poll process in the union territory.

The last Assembly elections date back to 2014, which makes for a prolonged absence of a democratic governance in the UT. J&K has not had an elected government since June 2018 when Governor's rule was imposed after the PDP-led coalition government lost its majority following the withdrawal of support by the BJP. Subsequently, on August 5, 2019, New Delhi abrogated Article 370 that granted J&K special status under India's constitution. Since then the Lieutenant Governor has taken over from the Governor. Though the period has witnessed all-round development and ushering in of normalcy, the democratic void has had definite implications for governance, representation, and the holistic involvement of diverse voices in decision-making processes. The delay in Assembly elections prolongs the absence of a locally accountable government, which does impact the implementation of policies tailored to address the unique challenges faced by Jammu and Kashmir. Like the rest of the country, the people of Jammu and Kashmir deserve a democratic government for voicing their grievances and aspirations through elected representatives who can engage in legislative processes and policymaking.

The Election Commission's upcoming visit to the region offers an opportune moment to assess the logistical and security requisites for holding Assembly elections. Mobilizing election workers, Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs), and ensuring adequate security arrangements necessitate strategic planning, which must align with the Supreme Court's deadline. The union government has also promised the Supreme Court that it is serious about holding Assembly elections in the UT in near future. Things will certainly become clearer in the weeks and months to come.

OTHER OPINION

K-shaped questions

SBI, State Bank of India, SBI report, Express View on SBI report, editorial, Indian express, opinion news, indian express editorial. The SBI report suffers from some fundamental flaws. If the government has been forced to extend the scheme of subsidised food grain to 800 million Indians, does it not suggest deep economic distress?

A new research report by the State Bank of India (SBI) seeks to "debunk" claims of India's "K-shaped" economic recovery and asserts that the repeated use of the phrase is "flawed, prejudiced, ill-considered and fanning interests of select quarters to whom India's remarkable ascendance... is quite unpalatable". A K-shaped recovery essentially suggests that there has been a stark difference in the way different sectors of the economy recovered after the pandemic. It indicates that while the overall economic growth numbers look robust, there is a growing underlying inequality. The SBI report's arguments against it are far from persuasive.

The report says that the "patterns emanating from income, savings, consumption, expenditure and policy measures aimed at empowering the masses — from Ujjwala to Ayushman Bharat and from Awas Yojana to maternal/neonatal welfare — question the efficacy of using ages-old proxies like low two-wheeler sales or fragmented land holdings to support some pre-destined narratives of India not doing well". It argues that the muted post-pandemic sales of two-wheelers "could reflect households reconfiguring their savings towards physical assets (real estate) and a not too small buyers' percentage shifting to used/entry-level cars (substitution effect)". It cites data from Zomato as an example of rising disposable income in non-metro areas. And looks at the income tax data for FY22 to note that the Gini coefficient had declined significantly from 0.472 to 0.402 between FY14 and FY22. The decline in income inequality is because of a "Great Migration" at the bottom of the pyramid; 36.3 per cent of individual tax return filers belonging to the lowest income in FY14 have left the lowest income group and shifted upwards, finds the report.

The SBI report suffers from some fundamental flaws. If the government has been forced to extend the scheme of subsidised food grain to 800 million Indians, does it not suggest deep economic distress? In a country where a minuscule percentage of people pay direct income tax, how reasonable is it to draw conclusions from tax data about broader inequality? Isn't income tax data nominal and as such affected by overall inflation? Why are tractor sales a better representative of the rural (not farm) economy than two-wheeler sales? The list of questions is longer than the report's conclusions.

The Indian Express

Cool as Fire, Hot as Ice

J&K Weather Recap 2023

A Year of Extremes and Lessons for 2024

Number of Wester Disturbances in Each Month and Total in 2023

January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
7	7	6	3	8	5	7	9	7	7	8	6
Total											80



(The data is based on the analysis of wind patterns and forecasts provided by Global Forecast System (GFS) weather model, produced by the National Centers for Environmental Prediction (NCEP).)

Faizan Arif

So, 2024 has kicked off with this never-ending dry spell since December. Water springs are practically on vacation. No snow in the hills, and good luck figuring out if it's Autumn or Winter — temperatures are the only clue.

And 2023? The year was a meteorological rollercoaster stuck on repeat! From record-breaking rainfall in Jammu and Kashmir to searing heatwaves rewriting temperature norms, the climate script was far from ordinary. The Union Territory experienced an unsteady rainfall pattern, with some areas grappling with intense downpours while others faced the challenges of drought.

In essence, the weather narrative of 2023 in Jammu and Kashmir is a tale of contrasts and extremes. It underscores the vulnerability of region to the impacts of climate change and the importance of adaptive measures.

This article explores the weather dynamics of 2023, offering a monthly breakdown of rainfall and shedding light on the impact of Western Disturbances. It identifies key temperature and rainfall records, presenting a concise overview of the extraordinary climatic events that unfolded in the region.

Rainfall Metrics: Jammu and Kashmir experiences 7% deficit rainfall in 2023

Beginning with a 42% excess in January and concluding with a substantial 79% shortage in December, Jammu and Kashmir faced an overall 7% deficit in rainfall throughout 2023. The region received only 1146.6 mm of rainfall, contrasting with the usual 1232.3 mm. Negative departures from normal were observed in 13 districts, while 5 districts experienced positive departures. The total rainfall data for Kishtwar and Poonch districts was unavailable due to the non-functionality of Automatic Weather Stations since June and September, respectively.

Shopian displayed the most substantial negative departure at -47%, followed by Budgam at -34% and Kupwara at -29%. Bandipora experienced a negative departure of -21%, while Rajouri and Kulgam shared an -11% departure each. Kathua recorded a -9% departure, Ganderbal -7%, Srinagar -4%, and both Jammu and Ramban recorded it at -6%. Anantnag and Udhampur had negative departures of -3% each. On the positive side, Samba recorded a significant +35% departure, followed by Doda at +16%, Baramulla at +2%, and Reasi and Pulwama, each registering a +1% departure in rainfall.

In terms of monthly performance, October exhibited the highest surplus rainfall at 79%.

+141%, followed by January at +42%, and July at +35%. Conversely, December recorded the most substantial deficit at -79%, with February following closely at -69%. The data shows that March had a negative departure of -48%, while April showed a positive departure of +14%. May, June, and November experienced departures of +24%, +8%, and +10%, respectively, while August and September witnessed deficits of -29% and -18%, based on departures from normal rainfall levels.

Ladakh Union Territory experienced a 65% surplus in rainfall. The recorded rainfall of 84.0 mm surpassed the usual 50.9 mm. Kargil saw

On January 5, Srinagar logged a minimum temperature of minus 6.5 degrees Celsius, marking the second-lowest temperature recorded in January in the past five years. Moving to February 12, Gulmarg reported a minimum temperature of minus 13.5 degrees Celsius, standing as the second-lowest February temperature in a decade for Gulmarg. On February 11, Jammu recorded its lowest February temperature in the last 11 years, at 3.6 degrees Celsius.

As summer approached, temperature records continued to tumble. On June 23, Srinagar experienced its hottest June day in 18 years, with temperatures peaking at 35.0 degrees Celsius.

On the same day, Qazigund and Kokernag recorded their highest-ever maximum temperatures in September, reaching 33.2 and 32.0 degrees Celsius, respectively.

4. Extreme Rainfall Records:

On May 8, Qazigund and Kokernag recorded their highest 24-hour rainfall in May since 2010, measuring 49.8 mm and 62.2 mm, respectively. Additionally, Banihal experienced its highest 24-hour rainfall since 2013 at 40.2 mm.

Kathua witnessed a whopping 296.0 mm of rainfall within 24 hours in Kathua on July 9. Simultaneously, Bhaderwah marked its highest 24-hour rainfall in July since 2005, reaching 125.1 mm.

Reasi district was hit by a cloudburst on July 19, a cloudburst hit Reasi, impacting the Katra station. Katra station, located in Reasi, recorded 315.4 mm of rainfall in just 24 hours, breaking all previous records set in July. In the 30-hour period, the total rainfall reached 413.6 mm.

Srinagar experienced its wettest July in at least the last 131 years, recording 187.2 mm of rainfall. Qazigund witnessed its wettest July since 1996 with a total rainfall of 197.7 mm. Pahalgam reported its second-highest all-time rainfall at 225.5 mm, while Gulmarg recorded its highest July rainfall in the last 13 years, at 144.8 mm.

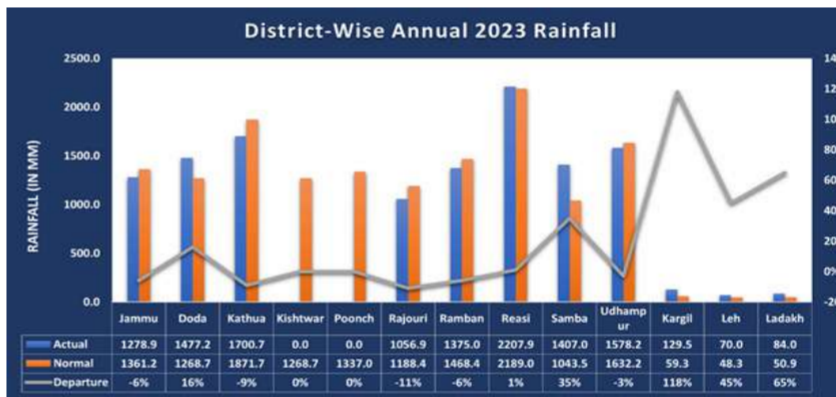
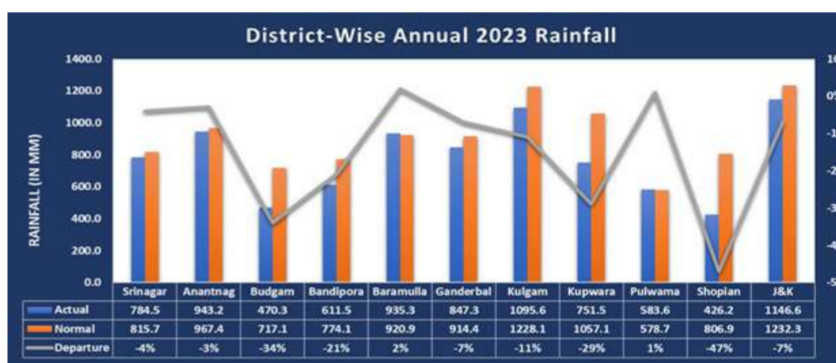
The record-breaking rainfall and searing heatwaves witnessed in 2023 highlight the growing threat posed by extreme weather events. These temperature anomalies can have severe implications for human health, agriculture, and natural ecosystems. The juxtaposition of intense rainfall and extreme heat emphasizes the complexity of climate interactions and the cascading effects they can have on the environment.

As we are into the new year, the lessons learned from the meteorological events of the last year are invaluable. The imperative to adapt to a changing climate becomes apparent, and the importance of proactive measures to mitigate the impacts of extreme weather events becomes necessary. This includes implementing resilient infrastructure, developing sustainable water management strategies, and enhancing community preparedness for both flooding and drought conditions. Policymakers, communities, and stakeholders must collaborate to build resilience and enhance preparedness for the inevitable challenges posed by a changing climate.

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(The data is based on analysis of data obtained from India Meteorological Department.)



a substantial 118% surplus, while Leh observed a 45% surplus in comparison to their respective normal rainfall levels.

2. 80 Western Disturbances affect J&K and Ladakh:

In 2023, Jammu and Kashmir was impacted by a total of 80 Western Disturbances. A peak of 9 occurrences was recorded in August, which is unusual, while the lowest count, at 3, took place in April. The distribution across other months was as follows: 7 each in January and February, 6 in March, 8 in May, 5 in June, 7 each in July, September, and October, 8 in November, and December witnessed 6 Western Disturbances.

3. Extreme Temperature Records:

The winter season etched new records into its history.

On the same day, Qazigund recorded its second-highest maximum temperature in June in 33 years, hitting 34.2 degrees Celsius. Kokernag and Pahalgam also saw their hottest June day in 18 years and 15 years, respectively. On June 24, Srinagar recorded a minimum temperature of 22.4 degrees Celsius, the highest minimum temperature in June in 15 years, tying with the record set the previous year. Srinagar witnessed its lowest maximum temperature in July since 2010 on July 8, registering 19.2 degrees Celsius.

Autumn added a few records as well. On September 10, Gulmarg reported a maximum of 24.0 degrees Celsius, breaking all previous records since 2009 set in the month. On September 12, Srinagar marked its second-highest-ever temperature in September since 1891 when the weather observatory was established, recording a temperature of 34.2 degrees Cel-



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Why Do You Read It?

S.Sarwar.Malik



In short, everyone finds it useful including the queer sorts who habitually use it as laxative, along with a fag, to facilitate bowel-clearance, every morning. Beyond all these “compelling reasons”, there is a temptation the majority wants to yield to. That is having a newspaper FREE even when priced Rs. three or five. One sentence I frequently hear “Talhaz bo dimhas akh nazrah”

People vary so do the reasons. Teenagers go for backside first-eyeing sporty faces and figures, coloured, in action; for recounting to *humjholis*, amid heroic draughts.

After casting *tairana nazar on headlines* govt. employees scan it thoroughly everyday, for news about transfers of colleagues/officers they love or hate...except on leisurely Sundays when squatted “bottom-spread” is preferred.

Those interested in politics, hastily go after press-releases designed by UT's Information Department and with a sigh, miss those K-centric articles that recycled words, clichés, arguments, rebuttals and rejoinders-gone stale since. Then isn't *mausam ka haal* and *siyasat ki chaal* the favourite topic of conversation of all.

Those with 'religious' bent of mind who followed religiously the *bayanaat -e-qaideen hazraat* and relished stories about *mazloom qum* and *satanic designs*, heave many sighs & complain 'akhbar Lavinee akh ropai te az kal'

School kids and Government employees miss that four lettered word, that vanished from lexicons: “CALL” *hartal ki aaj*.....

Those who haven't found anything yesterday look for “Lost” advertisements -hoping luck will today come their way. Ponder why only notices about the lost birth/marks certificates are published; not so about character certificates; though lost & conveniently forgotten by majority, long back?

To strike acquaintance with unfamiliar faces or to renew ties-long snapped, the elderly and retired persons-who have very little to do besides baby-sitting, search for venue and timings of *Rasm-*



e-Qul of any acquaintance now departed, wishing other myopic eyes should go blind before they locate his name in page 3 of local newspapers. Housewives in macro family-taunted for *doen harfun hinz shinai*, go for it to take attention off the *jumble* called married life. Those who find refuge from loneliness(- confronting them, af-

ter post-breakfast tata bye bye of kids & hubby,) in grand clearance sale pieces for six days, in local shopping marts; sharpening skills on Sunday tetes with hubby, attempting crossword puzzle duel, when not carried by most papers here in Kashmir.

Bosses and the neo-rich, pretending busy, find it handy for

ignoring visitors or showing the door, while angry husbands use it to ward off any “advances” by the wife, after a tiff. Remember how excellent, fly swappers and handy fans newspapers prove.

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clearance, every morning.

Beyond all these “compelling reasons”, there is a temptation the majority wants to yield to. That is having a newspaper FREE even when priced Rs. three or five. One sentence I frequently hear “Talhaz bo dimhas akh nazrah” is enough to shoot up my B.P.

God knows how majority of our *Akhbaar-wallas* manage to carry on in a place like Kashmir, where READERSHIP IS DISMALLY LOW and quantum of “*darde-sar wa darde- jigar*” astoundingly high; forcing the queer segment to be content with the ego-cata-pulting invitation cards issued for government functions...planned for projecting *aks-e- parvaz* like Press Releases, where even top officers of state information department (...of course! Line department people too; hauled from their offices along with staff) try to impress the publicity-stricken administrators & Bureaucrats, by checking the mikes or rightly positioning the mouthpieces... even dusting ‘mahraz-e-kursi’, themselves; beaming glances towards bosses, as if pleading in silent words:

“khaal tum ithai peith heur...
khoje banne ha, khawaja,
shah banne haa ...
kuchh to sila milay iss aalam-e-
zardari ki
sardari main ...
Jinaab Chonchan sei chamche te
yaad thav,
in our *deegcha* something trav.
*pichhle Eid ka nazrana te ristte
leij yaad pav.*”

“Columnist yaar, stop”...that is my Editor's voice, dear reader, saying “new limit of 800-1000 words, yaad thav.”

So....adiue.

How AI May Redefine Our Understanding of Time



John Nosta

In the world where the second hand of the clock dictates every aspect of our lives, from mundane routines to monumental decisions, we often overlook a profound question: How do entities that operate outside the human brain, like artificial intelligence and large language models, perceive time? This question becomes even more intriguing when we consider the burgeoning field of quantum computing. Let's take a minute and delve into the fascinating realm where AI, LLMs, and quantum computing intersect, revealing a perspective of time that challenges our deepest-held notions. This won't take long...

AI and Time Perception

At its core, AI and LLMs operate on data and algorithms. Unlike humans, who experience time as a continuous and linear flow, AI perceives time as discrete and fragmented. For AI, time is represented as timestamps in data, de-

void of the past-present-future continuum that humans experience. This allows AI to process past, present, and hypothetical future scenarios with equal ease, untethered by the human biases of memory and expectation.

The Quantum Tick

The advent of quantum computing promises to revolutionize this landscape even further. Quantum computers operate on the principles of quantum mechanics, where traditional binary states (0 and 1) are replaced by qubits that can exist in multiple states simultaneously. This quantum superposition, coupled with entanglement, could enable quantum-AI systems to process vast amounts of data in ways that are fundamentally different from classical computing.

Redefining Time in AI and Quantum Systems

In quantum-AI systems, time could be perceived not as a series of discrete events, but as a spectrum of probabilities. The linear,

tick-tock progression becomes irrelevant in a realm where outcomes are probabilistic and computations occur in a state of superposition. In this scenario, an AI leveraging quantum computing might analyze historical data, current trends, and future projections in a unified, nonlinear framework, effectively “experiencing” time in a way that's alien to human cognition.

Another Layer of Complexity: AGI

Then, of course, there's the realm of artificial general intelligence. Here, the already complex interplay between AI, quantum computing, and our perception of time gains an additional layer of depth. AGI, with its capacity to understand and operate across diverse intellectual realms, brings a nuanced comprehension to the quantum-time relationship that current AI systems can't fully grasp. This advanced form of intelligence could potentially conceptualize time not just as a series of probabilities or discrete events but as a mul-

tifaceted entity with dimensions beyond our current scientific understanding.

The emergence of AGI could lead to groundbreaking methods in predicting and interacting with future events, effectively “thinking” in time scales and dimensions that are currently beyond human comprehension. This not only revolutionizes our technological capabilities but also forces us to reconsider our philosophical and theoretical understanding of time itself, potentially unveiling new aspects of reality that have been hitherto invisible to human inquiry.

Quantum Entanglement and AI: Redefining Connections

Quantum entanglement, a key feature in quantum mechanics, introduces “action at a distance” into AI integrated with quantum computing. This phenomenon, where entangled particles instantaneously affect each other across distances, challenges our traditional views of space and time.

Integrating this with AI could revolutionize data processing. Quantum-AI could simultaneously analyze and correlate distant data sources, offering global insights that transcend traditional analysis. This capability is crucial for real-time applications like autonomous systems, where rapid, remote responses are key.

However, this exciting frontier also brings challenges in unpredictability and technological complexity, alongside profound philosophical questions about reality and causality. In essence, quantum entanglement in AI is not just a leap in computing; it's a shift in our understanding of the universe, presenting a future where connections defy conventional boundaries of time and space.

Time for a Change?

The implications of this perspective are at the very least curious and perhaps even profound. In fields like finance, health care, and climate science,

quantum-AI systems could forecast trends and patterns with unprecedented accuracy, considering all possible futures simultaneously. In robotics and autonomous vehicles, real-time decision-making could be enhanced by an AI's ability to process temporal data in a nonlinear fashion, predicting and reacting to events with superhuman foresight.

The alarm clock that you might be hearing is a new era in computing and AI where our understanding of time is being challenged and reshaped. AI and quantum computing are not just tools for faster calculations; they are harbingers of a new perception of reality, where time, as we know it, takes on a whole new dimension. The clock may continue to tick, but in the world of AI and quantum mechanics, time is a tapestry of infinite possibilities, waiting to be unraveled.

The article was originally published by Psychology Today

Govt Appoints BDOs As Administrators For Panchayats

Observer News Service 10.01.2024 or till further order. According to a notification issued here today in this regard, the government has made these appointments on expiry of the term of Halqa Panchayat(s) on 09.01.2024 and on being satisfied that the Halqa Panchayat (s) cannot be constituted immediately.

MMU Urges Preachers To Desist From Sectarian, Disrespectful Sermons

Observer News Service qaf Jama Masjid Srinagar, Darul Uloom Raheemiyah Bandipora, Muslim Personal Law Board led by Grand Mufti, Anjuman-e-Sharie Shiayan, Ittehadul Muslimeen, Jamiat-e-Ahl-e-Hadees, Jamaat-e-Islami, Karvaan-e-Islami, Anjuman Himayat-ul-Islam, Anjuman Tabligh-ul-Islam, Jamiat Hamdaniya, Anjuman Ulema Ahnaf, Darul Uloom Qasmia, Darul Uloom Bilal, Anjuman Nusrat-ul-Islam, Anjuman Mazhar-ul-Haq, Jamiat Imam-ul-Ulema, Anjuman Imam-o-Mashaikh Kashmir, Dar-ul-Uloom Naqsh-bandiyya, Dar-ul-Uloom Rashidia, Ahl-e-Bayt Foundation, Kanz-ul-Uloom, Karavaan-e-Khatam-e-Nabuwat besides others.

The statement further said the clergy should also highlight and educate the masses about the serious social and moral issues faced by Kashmiri society and play their role in the all-round reform of society.

"Those who still continue with such a mindset to promote sectarianism will be exposed in public and held accountable", MMU warned.

BSF Director General Reviews Security Situation In Jammu

Press Trust Of India **2.5 Kg Narcotics Seized Near Loc In Poonch**

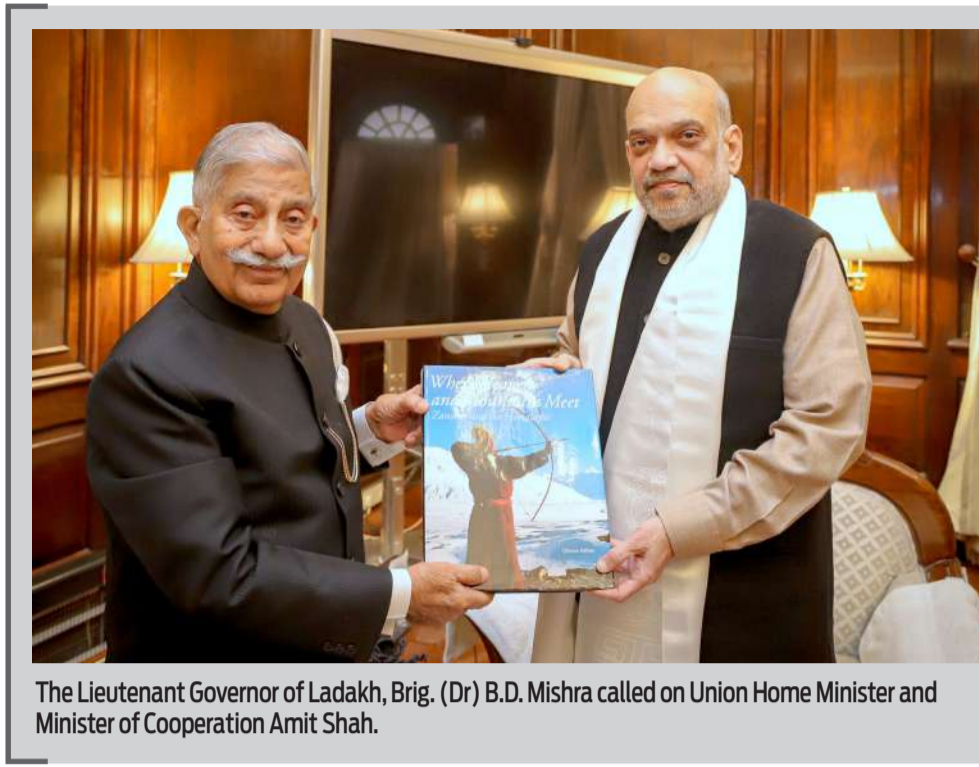
JAMMU: Director General of the Border Security Force (BSF) Nitin Agrawal on Wednesday reviewed the security situation and operational preparedness of the troops guarding the border with Pakistan on the Jammu frontier, officials said.

Agrawal, who visited areas located close to the International Border (IB), also called on Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at the Raj Bhavan here and briefed him about the security situation along the border.

The DG reviewed the security situation and the operational preparedness of the troops with senior BSF officials.

Agrawal is currently on a visit to the Jammu region.

D K Boora, Inspector General, BSF, Jammu frontier, briefed Agrawal about the security situation here.



The Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brig. (Dr) B.D. Mishra called on Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah.

Jammu Records Season's Coldest Day At 9 Deg Celsius

Press Trust Of India The residents of Jammu plains are reeling under severe cold wave over the past one week with the mercury hovering several notches below normal due to foggy conditions in the morning hours and absence of the sun during the day.

Foggy weather has also hit the rail and air traffic, causing inconvenience to the passengers.

Banihal along the Jammu-Srinagar national highway recorded a maximum of 18 degrees Celsius, which is 7.6 degrees Celsius above normal. However, the night temperature in the highway town was minus 1.4 degrees Celsius.

Katra, the base camp for pilgrims visiting the Mata Vaishno Devi shrine in Reasi district, recorded a maximum of 16.2 degrees Celsius and a minimum of 5.7 degrees Celsius, the official said.

The picturesque Baderwah in Doda district recorded a high of 15.1 degrees Celsius and a low of minus 0.2 degree Celsius.

Only 15% Govt Teachers In J&K Trained To Use Computer As Medium Of Teaching

Agencies only 2037 concerned teachers were able to impart education through computers.

Similarly, at primary school, a total of 8934 teachers were trained to teach students through the medium of computers.

Likewise, at upper primary level, a total of 7852 teachers were trained to deliver the education through computers followed by 5083 teachers at secondary level and 2272 at higher secondary level respectively.

When contacted by the newly appointed Administrative Secretary, School Education Department Piyush Singla was not able to attend the calls.

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

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

The Planning Department and Monitoring Department in the proposed vision has further revealed, "Considerable chunk of human resource is not skilled in the art of teaching. Over 36000 ReTs or RREts are not possessing desired level of qualification have been regularised."

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

The documents also reveal that at least 1,67,106 teachers for 27.18 lakh students, i.e. one teacher for 16 students on an average are available in the region—(KNO)

Surya Namaskar Session Held At Sun Temple Martand



Observer News Service of India (Srinagar Circle) were also invited as guests.

The whole staff of Ayush Anantnag and Ayush Kulgam also participated in the event.

Program started with recitation of the National Anthem. Afterwards stunning programs of SURYA NAMASKAR with some standing Asanas of yoga were performed.

At the conclusion of the session, District Ayush Officer Anantnag on behalf of AYUSH department thanked all, especially District Information Centre Anantnag, for making the event a grand success.

Won't Indulge In Politics On Ram Temple Consecration: Omar

Press Trust Of India Asked if he would attend the consecration ceremony of the temple if he gets an invitation, the former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister said he was sure he will not be invited.

"Why are you asking me whether I will go or not? Who goes uninvited? I know I won't be invited. Those who were to be invited, they have already got an invitation. The industrialists, cricketers, film stars and others. Everyone knows their names. Have you seen my name in the list? No. When they do not have an intention to invite me, why should we go into ifs and buts?" he said.

SRINAGAR: National Conference vice president Omar Abdullah on Wednesday refused to comment on the consecration of the Ram Temple at Ayodhya, saying he does not want to indulge in politics on the issue.

"I will not comment on the Ram Mandir. This is neither the first inauguration nor the last. We have seen inaugurations in the past as well. If you want to bring politics into it, it is up to you, I am not indulging in politics over the issue," Abdullah told reporters here.

Indus Food Exhibition 2024 JKTPO Spotlights J&K's Culinary Brilliance In Food, Agriculture

Observer News Service dynamic food industry. The event, organized by the Trade Promotion Council of India in association with the Ministry of Commerce, Government of India, attracted over 1200 exhibitors and 7500 global buyers.

Jammu & Kashmir, recently honoured with the Gold (Winner) in National ODO awards, claimed the spotlight at the esteemed Indus Food 2024. Eighteen exhibitors from the region, witnessed a remarkable showcase of products and impactful B2B meetings with both international and domestic buyers. These interactions resulted in 780+ promising leads and on spot orders worth 45 Lakhs.

NOIDA: Jammu & Kashmir, renowned for its rich culinary heritage, proudly exhibited its diverse food, agriculture and horticulture products at the prestigious Indus Food 2024.

The event, held from January 8th to 10th, witnessed J&K's vibrant participation, capturing the essence of the region's agricultural prowess.

Indus Food 2024, Southeast Asia's largest food and beverage export-focused exhibition, served as a vital platform for international collaboration within India's

Satish Chandra Appointed Chairperson Of RERA

Agencies **SRINAGAR:** The Jammu & Kashmir Government has appointed Satish Chandra, former chairman of Jammu & Kashmir Public Service Commission, as chairperson of the Jammu and Kashmir Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA).

Satish Chandra, who was appointed as head of J&K PSC in June 2022 and completed his tenure in November 2023, was appointed as head of RERA.

"In exercise of the powers conferred by Section 22 of the Real Estate (Regulation and Development) Act, 2016, the Government of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir appoint Sh. Satish Chandra, IAS (retired), as chairperson of the Jammu and Kashmir Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA)," reads a notification issued by the Housing & Urban Development Department.

According to the notification, appointment of the chairperson shall take effect from the date he assumes the charge of the post in the Authority.

"The chairperson of the Authority shall not hold any other office. The terms and conditions of appointment shall be notified separately," the notification states—(KNO)

VBSY Unveils Triumph Over Adversity Through NRLM In Anantnag

Observer News Service Consider the inspiring journey of Iqra Rashid from Nipora village, who turned financial challenges into triumph with the UMEED scheme. Through the formation of Pamposh SHG, Iqra expanded her walnut business, breaking free from middlemen, and now enjoys a stable monthly profit of Rs 30,000 to 40,000. Her success echoes the profound impact of UMEED on rural women below the poverty line.

Zahida Shabnum's story reflects the transformative power of joining a self-help group. With financial assistance, she innovated in her father's carpentry business, establishing a successful Joinery Mill and lifting her family above the poverty level.

These success stories resonate with the core objective of DAY-NRLM - empowering individuals to break free from financial constraints and build sustainable livelihoods.

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF EDUCATION OFFICER, MINI-SECRETARIAT SHOPIAN

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Subject: Publication of Tentative seniority list of Junior Assistants/ Laboratory Assistants/ Library Assistants and Class-IV (MTS) of School Education Department, District Shopian as it stood on 08/01/2024 for inviting objections, if any.

NOTIFICATION

Whereas, vide this Office Notification No. CEO/SPN/Estt/NT/22/3585-92 dated: 30/07/2022, seniority list of Jr. Assistants/ Lab. Assistants/ Library Assistants and Class-IV as it stood on 30/07/2022 of School Education Department District Cadre Shopian was notified; and

Whereas, fresh seniority list of Jr. Assistants/ Lab. Assistants/ Library Assistants and Class-IV forming Annexure 'A', 'B', 'C' and 'D' has been prepared due to inclusion/ exclusion of some officials and the Tentative seniority list as it stood on 08/01/2024 of School Education Department, District Shopian has been uploaded in the Official website of Chief Education Office Shopian <http://www.ceoshopian.in> for invitation of objections, if any, from the aspirants within a period of seven (07) days from the date of publication of this notice.

The objections/ variations/ claims (if any) in the service particulars/seniority position assigned to the officials in the seniority list shall report to this Office with documentary evidence through their concerned DDOs. No objection/claim whatsoever shall be entertained after the expiry of stipulated time.

No. CEO/SPN/Estt/NT/24/153-59 **DIPK-14995-23** Chief Education Officer
Dated: 10/01/2024 **DT: 10/01/2024** Shopian

CANCELLATION/PARTIAL CANCELLATION/DIVERSION OF TRAINS

In order to further strengthen the rail infrastructure, Northern Railway has decided to undertake Pre-Non-Interlocking and Non-Interlocking work at Dhablan station in connection with doubling of Rajpura-Bathinda section. To execute this work, A traffic block will be taken from 12.01.2024 to 24.01.2024. As a result, following trains will be affected as under :-

CANCELLATION OF TRAIN			
Train No. & Name	Date(s) of Cancellation (from originating station)		
04531 Ambala Cantt Jn. - Dhuri Jn. Express Special (Daily)	12.01.2024 to 23.01.2024		

PARTIAL CANCELLATION OF TRAINS			
Train No. & Name	Short Terminate at / Originate from	Partial Cancelled Between	Date (from the originating station)
14735 Shri Ganganagar - Ambala Cantt. Jn. Express (Daily)	At Bathinda Jn.	Bathinda Jn. - Ambala Cantt. Jn.	22.01.2024 & 23.01.2024
14736 Ambala Cantt. Jn. - Shri Ganganagar Express (Daily)	From Bathinda Jn.	Ambala Cantt. Jn. - Bathinda Jn.	23.01.2024 & 24.01.2024
04548 Bathinda Jn. - Ambala Cantt. Jn. MEX Special (Daily)	At Dhuri Jn.	Dhuri Jn. - Ambala Cantt. Jn.	12.01.2024 to 23.01.2024
14510 Bathinda Jn. - Ambala Cantt. Jn. Express Special (Daily)	At Dhuri Jn.	Dhuri Jn. - Ambala Cantt. Jn.	17.01.2024 to 23.01.2024
04547 Ambala Cantt. Jn. - Bathinda Jn. Special (Daily)	From Dhuri Jn.	Ambala Cantt. Jn. - Dhuri Jn.	18.01.2024 to 24.01.2024

DIVERSION OF TRAINS		
Train No. & Name	Diverted Via	Date (from the originating station)
11057 Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj T. - Amritsar Jn. Express (Daily)	Rajpura Jn. - Sirhind Jn. - Sanehwal	12.01.2024 to 21.01.2024
11058 Amritsar Jn. - Chatrapati Shivaji Maharaj T. Express (Daily)	Sanehwal - Sirhind Jn. - Rajpura Jn.	14.01.2024 to 23.01.2024
12751 Huzur Sahib Nanded - Jammu Tawi Humsafar Express (Weekly)	Rajpura Jn. - Sirhind Jn. - Sanehwal	19.01.2024
12752 Jammu Tawi - Huzur Sahib Nanded Humsafar Express (Weekly)	Sanehwal - Sirhind Jn. - Rajpura Jn.	14.01.2024 & 21.01.2024

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Arjuna Awardee Sheetal Devi Inspires J&K



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In a historic moment, 16-year-old para archer Sheetal Devi was honored with the prestigious Arjuna Award by President Droupadi Murmu on January 9. Born with phocomelia, a rare congenital disorder resulting in underdeveloped limbs, Sheetal defied the odds to become the first international para archery champion without upper limbs.

Her accolades include three gold medals and one silver medal achieved at the 4th Para Asian Games held in Hangzhou, China, in 2023. Additionally, she secured a silver medal in the World Para Archery Championship held in Pilsen, Czech Republic, also in 2023.

Her journey from the humble hamlet of Lohi Dhar, Block Mughal Maidan in Kishtwar, Jammu and Kashmir, to the pinnacle of success is a testa-

ment to her indomitable spirit. Despite the challenges posed by her condition, Sheetal, born on January 10, 2007, exhibited athletic prowess from a young age. Climbing trees laid the foundation for her strong upper body, a crucial asset in her future archery endeavors.

Drawing inspiration from Matt Stutzman, who achieved silver at the London 2012 Paralympics using his legs, Sheetal's coaches tailored a unique approach, enabling her to master the art of para archery.

Following the announcement of awards, LG Manoj Sinha greeted her in his post on X and described it as a proud moment for J&K.

District Administration Kishtwar visited Sheetal Devi's home on Wednesday, extending heartfelt felicitations for her outstanding achievements in a simple yet heartfelt ceremony.

U-15 Grassroots Football Tournament Final Today

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Jammu & Kashmir Football Association is set to hold the final match of the Under-15 Grassroots Football Tournament on Thursday, Jan-

uary 11, at 2:00 PM. The game will be played at Synthetic Turf TRC and pit Bemina FA against Barzulla FA.

The event is organised by JKFA and J&K Sports Council, and sponsored by JK Sports Trust.

Kohli To Miss 1st T20I Versus Afghanistan Today

Press Trust of India

MOHALI: The spotlight will be only on the returning Rohit Sharma as his long-time colleague Virat Kohli pulled out of the opening T20I against Afghanistan due to "personal reasons" ahead of the first ever white-ball series be-

group's performance in the IPL, which precedes the World Cup. David said Rohit will open the batting with young Yashasvi Jaiswal against Afghanistan.

Rohit and Kohli, after he returns, are a certainty in this squad but the accomplished duo would first like to get the most out of the games

prevailing cold wave.

Rohit, who will also captain the side, will be expected to carry on with his ultra aggressive approach in the powerplay like he showed in the ODI World Cup. The team, having returned from South Africa last week, only assembled on Wednesday evening for the series.



tween the two teams, beginning here on Thursday.

Kohli, though, will be available for the second and third T20 International.

India head coach Rahul Dravid attributed Kohli's pull-out to "family reasons" before he addressed media.

Both the stalwarts are returning to the shortest format after 14 months and will be keenly observed in the three-match rubber, which will be India's last before the T20 World Cup in June, giving the team more clarity on where it stands ahead of the ICC event in Americas.

However, the final 15 will be picked on the basis of core

against Afghanistan, who would be without their star spinner Rashid Khan. Khan underwent a back surgery in November last year and is still recuperating.

"He is not totally fit. We will miss him in the series. We will struggle without Rashid but one should be ready for any kind of situation," Afghanistan captain Ibrahim Zadran said on the eve of the series-opener, hoping that others in the side would step up.

The focus, however, will firmly be on Rohit, easily among the biggest crowd-puller. His presence on the field would be a big reason for the Mohali crowd to brave the

India would be expected to win comfortably in their own conditions but Afghanistan will give them a run for their money.

Having recently exceeded all expectations in their giant-killing run during the ODI World Cup in India, Afghanistan will be high on confidence in a format that suits them the most.

Barring Rashid's injury-forced absence, the team is at full strength after the likes Mujeeb Zadran, Naveen-Ul Haq and Fazalhaq Farooqi sorted their contractual issues with the country's cricket board.

Match starts at 7pm (local time).

Rohit-Jaiswal To Continue At Opening Slot: Rahul Dravid



Press Trust of India

MOHALI: India head coach Rahul Dravid confirmed on Wednesday that the team will persist with Rohit Sharma and Yashasvi Jaiswal as openers in the run-up to the T20 World Cup, underlining the importance of a left-right pair at the pole position.

Rohit has returned to India's T20 scheme of things for the series against Afghanistan, beginning here on Thursday, after a hiatus of 14 months. His previous appearance was in the 2022 T20 World Cup semifinal against England at Adelaide. Jaiswal has been opening in the shortest format since the away series against the West Indies in August last year.

"As of now, we will be opening with Rohit and Jaiswal. When you have a squad that offers flexibility, we can take a call that is in the best interest of the team," Dravid said on the eve of the match.

"We are certainly happy with what Jaiswal has done for us as an opener. It also gives us the left-right combination at

the top," added Dravid. However, that will leave the question on how to find a place for Shubman Gill, who either opens or comes at No. 3 in T20Is. It is pertinent because Virat Kohli too has made a comeback to T20Is along with Rohit. Star batsman Kohli has been named in the squad for the series against Afghanistan, though he will be available only from the second T20I.

So, how is the think-tank going to accommodate Kohli in the eleven? Is pairing Kohli with Rohit at the top a rational move to make? Dravid did not entirely rule out that possibility.

"Nothing is closed (Kohli opening with Rohit). We have no doubt that the kind of ability and skill sets players like Rohit and Kohli possess, they will be able to find answers against different kind of bowling," said Dravid.

The former Indian captain said the selection process will be dominated by the capability of a player to negate all circumstances, and will not merely rely on the desire to field a left-right combination.



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