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Prez Appoints 2 Judges For J&K HC

Srinagar: President of India on Monday appointed two ad-ditional judges of the J&K and Ladakh High Court as perma-

Ladakh High Court as perma-nent judges.
"In exercise of the power con-ferred by clause (1) of Article 217 of the Constitution of India, the President is pleased to appoint (i) Shr Justice Rahul Bharti and (ii) Ms. Justice Molsha Khajuria Kazmi, Additional Judges of the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, to be Judges of that High Court, in that order of se-niority, with effect from the date they assume charge of their re-spective offices," reads a notifica-tion by Ministry of Law & Justice Department of Justice. The Supreme Court collegium had on January 4 recommended that the two additional judges be made permanent.

be made permanent. Justices Bharti and Kazmi were

appointed as additional judges on March 28, 2023. The High Court of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh has a sanctioned strength of 17 Judges including 13 Permanent Judges and 4 Additional Judges. More on P6

Govt Orders Transfers, Postings in Police Dept

in Police Dept

Sringar: The government on Monday ordered the transfer and postings of several police officers in the interest of administration. As per an order Shivam Siddharth. IPS, awaiting adjustment is posted as Superintendent of Police, North Jammu, vice Kuldeep Chand Handa.

Ranjit Singh, Superintendent of Police, awaiting adjustment is posted as Dy. Commandant JKAP-8th Battalion.

Azhar Bashir Baba, Additional Superintendent of Police, APCR Kashmir, is transferred and posted as Superintendent of Police, APCR Kashmir, is transferred and posted as Superintendent of Police APCR Kashmir, is transferred and available vacancy.

Arif Amin Shah, Superintendent | More on P6

Jan 22 Not Just A Date, It Is Beginning Of A New Era: PM

Says Ram Temple Consecration Has Broken The Shackles of Slave Mentality

Be A Witness To Magnificent India And Emotional

The Foundation Of India Of Next 1,000 years

India's Faith

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Press Trust Of India

Ayodhya: Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Monday the consecration of Ram Lalla's idol in Ayodhya marks the advent of a new era and gave a call to people to go beyond the Ram temple's construction to build the foundation of a strong, grand and divine India of the next 1,000 years.

After participating in the idol's 'Pran Pratishtha', Modi in

Ram Temple - India's New Landmark

A new landmark of India - both structural and spiritual - rises on Ayodhya's horizon today as a new-age architectural marvel of elegant sandstones, diligently carved by craftspeople with dedication and devotion to Lord Ram. The majestic Ram temple in Ayodhya is a sprawling structure,

built by overcoming engineering challenges and with due sensitivity to nature. | More on P6

his speech also turned to critics of the Ram temple movement and asked them to reconsider their view that its construction would "set off a fire" in the country, asserting that Ram is "not fire but energy", "not dispute but solution".

In his address to a large umber of invitees, including number of invitees, including seers, leading figures from dif-ferent fields and those part of the decades-long agitation for building the temple, he said

that the momentous occasion is not merely about triumph but also humility and underscores Indian society's maturity in resolving historical disputes.

"Ram is not fire but energy, Ram is not a dispute but a solution, Ram is not merely ours but of everyone and Ram is not only the present but also eternal," he said, adding that the temple is also a symbol of peace, patience, harmony and amity in Indian society.

Kashmiri Muslims Gift 2 kg Of Saffron

ashmiri Muslims have presented a generous gift of 2 kg of pure saffron for the Pran Pratishtha common at the American State of the Prance of t Pratishtha ceremony at the Ram Temple in Ayodhya. Ashok Bhan, Chairman of the Kashmir (Policy & Strategy) Group, lauds this symbolic gesture as a testament to the shared reverence for Lord Ram among diverse communities. Ashok Bhan said, "The generous gift of | More on P6

Ram Rajya Coming Stay United: RSS Chief

RSS chief Mohan
Shagwat today said
Ram Rajya is coming and everyone in the
country should shun disputes and stay united.
The new Ram Lalla
idol was consecrated at
the Ayodhya temple on
Monday, an event led by
Prime Minister Narendra
Modi and watched by lakhs
of people on television at
their homes and in temples
across the country.
"The Prime Minister
alone did 'taap' (penance),
and now, we all have to
do that," the Rashtriya

Swiyamsevak Sangi (RSS) chief said, addressing a gathering of thousands after the ceremony. With Ram Lalla's consecration in Ayodhya, India's self-pride has returned, Mr Bhagwat said, adding, "And today's programme has become a symbol of a new India that will stand up and provide help to the entire world."

Mr Bhagwat said Ram Lalla has returned home after 500 years because of the penance of a lot of people and I salute their hard work | More on P6

South Kashmir Towns Coldest In Valley

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: The cold wave in Kashmir intensified as most places in the valley recorded

praces in the valley fectioned sextrems subzero temperatures, officials said here on Monday. The minimum plunged 7.4 degrees below freezing point in south Kashmir on Sunday night, the officials said.

The twin towns in south Kashmir were the coldest recorded places in the valley. Srinagar city recorded a minimum temperature of minus 5.3 degrees Celsius on Sunday night, dropping from previous night's minus 4.8 degrees Celsius, the officials said.

Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantag district recorded a minimum temperature of minus 6.9 degrees Celsius, the officials said.

Pahalgam in south Kashmir's Anantag district recorded a minimum temperature of minus 6.9 degrees Celsius, and the ski resort of Gulmarg in north Kashmir recorded a low of 5.2 degrees Celsius. The minimum temperature of minus 4 degrees Celsius. The minimum temperature in south Kashmir recorded a low of 5.2 degrees Celsius. The minimum temperature for minus 6 degrees Celsius. The minimum temperature for the stream of the sundays as srinagar day temperatures were over let degrees above the normal temperature for this time of the year, officials said here.

Kashmir has been going through a prolonged dry spell and a 79 per cent deficit in rainfall was recorded for December while there has been no precipitation in most parts of the valley in the first three weeks of January.

There has been no snowfall in most plain areas of Kashmir, while the upper reaches of the valley have received lesser than usual amount of snow.

Digital Compassion

SM Crowdfunding Rescues Kashmiris In Distress

Auqib Javeed

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Srinagar: While scrolling through his social media feed, Danish Malik, 29, stumbled upon a donation appeal video that tugged at his heartstrings. The video painted a moving picture, shedding light on the urgent financial need for a young boy's critical operation. Without a second thought, Malik swiftly transferred Rs. 3000 to the family's account, believing that every penny counts in making a difference.

"The nature of the appeal was so poignant that it had the power to bring tears to anyone's eyes," Malik said.

"If we've got the means to help someone, why not do it? He needed a huge amount for his treatment, but if we all come forward and donate whatever we can, it would surely make a difference." he added.

Danish's act not only contributed to the financial aspect of



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the cause, but also highlighted the profound influence of social media appeals in mobilizing compassionate response. In the age of digital connectivity, social media platforms have become powerful tools for various purposes, including raising awareness and funds for individuals facing expensive medical treatments. Crowdfunding, facilitated by platforms such as Ketto, Milaap, Donatekart etc has emerged as a | More on P6

Republic Day Function

Patrolling Of The Forces To Be Increased: ADGP

Press Trust Of India

Jammu: Ahead of the Republic Day function, security forces have increased patrolling in Jammu and Kashmir with plans for several new camps underway, a senior police officer said.

"We have taken steps and meetings have been held (on beefing up security). Some camps are being relocated, new camps are also being established," Additional Director General of Police (ADCP) Law

the camps are ago dense stabilished. Additional Director General of Police (ADGP) Law and Order Vijay Kumar told reporters here on Monday. "We are increasing patroling of the forces and in days to come, operations will be intensified," the ADGP said. "We have been preparing for the past two days to thwart any potential terror



or communal incident. We are keeping both aspects in mind," he said.
Director General of Police (DGP) R R Swain had on Saturday reviewed security measures in a high-level

versary are to be foiled by a proactive approach and by implementing innovative district level plans," Swain had then said.

Bypassing Official Channels For Grievances

Health Dept Issues Warning To Employees

Srinagar: The Health and Medical Education (H&ME) Department has issued a warning and directives to all employees regarding the submission of representa-tions to higher authorities without following official channels.

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In a circular accessed by the news agency—Kash mir News Observer (KNO), the HBME Department has directed the employees to refrain from directly approaching the administrative department and urged them to adhere to prescribed procedures.

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According to the circular, the department has received an increasing number of representations from employees seeking inter-cadre deputation and transfers without

the knowledge of their con-trolling officers and Heads of

the Monrage of their does not be partments. Such actions are violations of the Jammu and Kashmir Civil Services Conduct Rules, 1956, the department said, adding that these "have been viewed seriously by the authorities" and "results in wastage of time and resources". To curb this practice and streamline the communication process, the H&ME Department has urged all officers and officials of the Health & Medical Education Department to cease direct ap-

Department to cease direct ap-proaches to the Administrative Department to cease or proaches to the Administrative Department. Instead, they were instructed to follow the prescribed procedures and seek redressal through appropriate authorities, such as Controlling Officers and Heads of Departments. The order also outlined specific | Moreon P6

KO Online Editor Bereaved

The grandfather of Syed Hamid Hussain, Online Editor of Kashmir Observer, passed away on Monday late evening. Syed Noor-Ud-Din (90 yrs) passed away at his Bemina residence after a brief spell of illness.

The deceased was a noted educationist and had served the Department of Education with utmost dedication and honesty for over four decades.

over four decades.

He was the father of Syed Bashir Ahmad, former Assistant General Manager, | More on P6

6 Injured In Wild Boar Attack in Kulgam

A t least six people were injured after being attacked by a wild boar (wild plg) in the main town of South Kashmir's Kulgam district on Monday. An official said that a wild boar appeared in the market and injured six persons. He said all the injured were rushed to district hospital Kulgam for treatment.

treatment.
"The hospital has received six
injured people who were attacked
by a wild boar. They are being
treated and vaccines have been
administered to | More on P6

3 Drug Peddlers Arrested In Sopore

Three persons were arrested along with a huge consignment of drugs in north Kashmir's Sopore, police said on Monday. Sub Divisional Police Officer Sopore, Dr Raies Ahmed Mir News Observer (KNO) said that on 11 January, a naka was established at railway crossing, following which a truck was interrupted. He said that during checking 1316 capsules of Spasmoproxivon plus were recovered from a bag and during investigation | More on P6

Man Charred To **Death In Pattan**

man was charred to death, while two residential houses were damaged in massive fire in Khambiyat village of Baramulla's Pattan late last night. An official told news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that fire broke out in one of the residential houses due to a short circuit in electric blanket in which a 26-year-old man was charred to death. He said that two houses were also damaged in the devastting fire, while police have taken cognisance of | More on P6

Leonard Captured Alive In Bandipora

leopard was captured alive in Hajin area of North Kashmir's Bandipora district after a man was injured in an attack on Monday, An official told the news agency-Kashmir News Observer (RNO), that the 25-year-old Umar Zahoor, son of Zahoor Ahmad Soff was injured in Hajin Bandipora. He said the man was taken to Sub District Hospital Hajin from where he was shifted to JVC hospital for advanced treatment. The wildlife authorities soon after the incident captured the leopard alive | More on P6

Army Veteran Dies in Rajouri Crash

Aretired army soldier was killed after a vehicle he was traveling in met with an accident at Kewal area in Rajouri district on Monday evening. An official told a local agency that an Eco car bearing number JK11E 6204 driven by one Shauƙat Ali, son of Alam Din, of Gabbar Bushal, Kotranka met with an accident on reaching Old Panchayat at Kewal area, leaving the driver injured critically.

"The injured person was lifted from the site and shifted to PHC Bushal from where he was I More on P6

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Monday - Saturday (9am - 6pm)

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Notice Inviting Tenders
NIT No.122 of 2023-24/R&B Sumbal Division

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor, UT J&K, e-tenders (in single cover system) are invited on item rate basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the following works:

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6	Fending of Public Park at BagiSiden Halin	2.92	200/-	5840/-	20 Days	MPLADS	DEE
	Fending of graveyard at Ward No.02 Hollin	A.00	200/-	8000/-		MPLADS	DEE
6	Fencing of graveyard at Banger Mohalla M.C. Hajin,	5.38	300/-	10760/-	20 Days	MPLADS	CEE/ DEE

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Protective Parenting: How Is It Necessary For Kids

Protective patenting can impact kids in multiple ways, a study delives into the long-term impact of growing up in environments marked by common gunshots and unreliable heat and electricity. The research identified potential physical and mental health limitations in adulthous resulting from such challenging childhood experiences. However, the study introduced a compelling countermeasure vigilants parent only. Being such as the study introduced a compelling countermeasure vigilants parent only. Being such as the study introduced a compelling countermeasure vigilants parent only. Being such as the study of the study introduced a compelling countermeasure vigilants parent earlier such as the study of t an individual's trajectory.

Parental Vigilance As
A Mitigating Factor
The significance of parental
involvement in counteracting the
risks associated with a less safe
environment during childhood is
necessary to understand. It goes
beyond mere location tracking,
emphasizing the communication



of love and the desire to be an in-tegral part of a child's life. Vigilant parenting, characterized by setting limits and demonstrating a genu-ine interest in a child's well-being, emerges as a powerful protective factor.

Stress in Childhood And Long-term Health Effects

The research, which analyzed responses from over 4.825 participants in the U.S. Bureau of Jabor Statistics' Na-tional Longitudinal Survey of Youth 97, revealed a concerning correlation between growing up in less secure environments and enduring physical health

limitations in adulthood.

* Stressful experiences dring childhood, such as feeling unsafe or lacking essential resources, can impact immune and regulatory systems. The sustained stress may result in difficulties in the body's self-regulation, leading to lifelong issues in immune function or homore regulation. The sustained stress in the body's self-regulation or regulation or regulation in the sustained stress in earlier environments but had actively involved parents unless secure environments but had actively involved parents demonstrated fewer health aliments and mental health problems in adulthood.

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harmful behaviors, potentially preventing issues like smoking or binge drinking with lasting effects.

The study emphasized that even in challenging settings, where physical presentings, where physical presentings, where physical presentings, where physical presentials, which is the proposed of the pr

Controlling interference.

Conclusion
Published in Social Science and Medicine, this research from the University of Georgia sheds light on the enduring impact of early-life experiences on adult health, it not only identifies the potential health limitations associated with growing up in less secure environments but highlights the role of vigilant parenting as a powerful mitigating factor. The study underscores the importance of parental involvement, genuine care, and communication in shaping healthier outcomes for individuals who faced adversity during childhood.

This is to inform the general public that there is an error in my passport (No. J3910757), where the mother's name has been wrongly entered. The current information reads as follows:

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Chief Executive Officer Livestock Development Board Kashmir

Notice For Personality Test

The applicants who had submitted their applications for selection of candidates as MAITRI under Holistik Agriculture Development Program (HADP) and Rashfriya Gokul Mission (RGM) in response to this office Advertisement No. CEO./DRK/3299-PG. Dated 12-2-2-032 are hereby informed to report to Directorate of Animal Husbandry Kashmir, Gewkadal Malsuma on 29th of January, 2024 and 30th of January, 2024 at 10-30 AM sharp for personality test. Candidates not reporting on the scheduled date and time shall be treated as absent and shall have no claim what soever afterwards

SNO	District	Venue, Date and Time of Interview
01	Candidates from districts Kulgam, Shopian, Ganderbal, Bandipora, Baramulla	Directorate of Animal Husbandry Kashmir, Gawkad Maisuma 29th of January, 2024 At 10:30 AM
02	Candidates from District Kupwara	Directorate of Animal Husbandry Kashmir, Gawkad Maisuma 30th of January, 2024 At 10:30 AM

Candidates should bring along with them the original documents viz : 1. Domicile Certificate/PRC. 2. Educational Qualification.

3. Aadhaar Card 4. Date of Birth Certificate

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I have lost my passport at somewhere bearing number U2963853 Now I am applying for its duplicate if anybody have any objection in this regard He/5he may contact with REGIONAL PASSPORT OFFICE SERNAGAR within seven days from the publication of this notice after that no objection will be entertained Name: Mohammad Ovais Lone 5/O: Mohammad Maqboot Lone R/O: Haronw Kauschark

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Planned Attacks On BJNY

Police Foil PCC Protest March In Srinagar

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: Police on Monday thwarted the Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) proposed protest march to Lal Chowk in response to the alleged planned attacks by the members of the ruling Bhartiya Janata Party (BJP) during Rahul Gandhi's led Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra (BJNY) in Assam.

Dozens of Congress workers and activists including females staged a sit-in protest at the PCC headquarters here this evening, shouting slogans like "long live democracy down with hooliganism against the ruling BJP for allegedly creating obstacles to disturb the Rahul Gandhi led Bharat Jodo Nyay Yatra in Assam.

The BJP, according to the protesting PCC workers, was 'unsettled' by the Congress leader Rahul Gandhi led Gandhi sering popularity, which is why the ruling party interfered with the Yatra by flinging stones and yelling offensive chants.

In case the BJP's fol-

In case the BJPs followers continue to create obstacles in the way of the Yatra. they warned to step up their demonstrations throughout the country.

In the meantime, a pose of J&K police deployed in advance, blocked the main entrance of PCC headquarters to stop the demonstratory from making their way. tors from making their way to Lal Chowk to voice their

opposition.

As for the BJP, its actions, according to PCC president Vikar Rasool Wani, suggest that the party would lose the next Parliamentary elections this year.

"The BJP has become more uneasy as a result of



Karan Nagar Gole Market To Be Redesigned On Lal Chowk Plaza Lines

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In a significant development under the Srinagar Smart City Project, Karan Nagar Gole Market is set to undergo a major facellift, mirroring the successful model of the Lal Chowk Plaza. The project involves the installation of an amphitheatre or Visual Message Display (VMD) in the area.

or Visual Message Display (VMD) in the area. A senior official of the Srinagar Smart City Limit-ed (SSCL) informed that the ambitious project has com-menced, with around 30 per-cent of its work completed.

In the Petition in terms of Section 148-A

The project aims to in The project aims to in-fuse a modern aesthetic into the heart of Karan Nagar Gole Market. We are intro-ducing a layout similar to Lal Chowk Plaza integrated

Lal Chowk Piaza integrated with amenities such as an amphitheatre or large VMD in the area. The official said the estimated cost of the project is around Re 22 crove, emphasizing a substantial investment to enhance the area's infrastructure and overall appeal.

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project is expected to bring about a significant facelift to the Karan Nagar Gole market on the possible modernized lines," he said.

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ving cold weather, devotees attended special prayers at the Shankar Acharya Temple in Srinagar, to mark the consecration of Ram Temple in Ayodhya on Monday. KO Photo, Abid Bhat

Water Transport Set To Be Revived In Srinagar After 3 Decades

Observer News Service

Srinagar: After the gap of ov Stringar: After the gap of over three decades, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, Sringar, is all set to witness a revival of wa-ter transport within the period of one mouth. The water transport is a flag-ship project of Srinagar Smart City Limited (SSCL), which aims

City Limited (SSCL), which aims to revive the water-based public transport system in Srinagar City. Earlier in the last month, Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir Vijay Kumar Bidhuri reviewed the selection of the agency for operations of Water Transport

Services in River Jhelum and Dal Lake in Srinagar. He had emphasized the need for a water transport system as an additional mode of transport. Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir also directed SSCL to finalize the routes and fare structure and call for tenders expeditiously.

General Manager of SSCL, Amuj Malhotra, said the water transport project at present is in the tendering process.

"We are expecting to commence the services in a month only," he said, adding that this is nearly after a few decades that the services are being revived.

"This will be the addition of public transport for the people. It is a joyous moment for the public and especially the water transport will ensure zero carbon emission, which is favorable for the environment as well," he added.

The General Manager further stated that the revival of water services will ensure jobs to the people as well. Pertinently, water transport was 'rampant' and popular in Kashmir as most of the merchanics— timber, food stuffs, vegetables, firewood, charcoal, building material ete was all transported through this mode which started fast declining since late '70s.

IGNOU 37th Convocation To Be Organized In Srinagar

Srinagar: The Indira Gaudhi National Open University (GNOU) is going to conduct its 37th Convocation on 20th February 2024. The main venue of the convocation is (GNOU Headquarters at New Delhi. The program will be telecast live on Gyan Darshan, Swayam Prabha, Doordearshan, webcast through IGNOU website and

through social media platforms of the University. The 37 th Convection function will also be organized in Srinagar by the IGNOU Regional Centre Srinagar for the Learners of the Kashmir region and the UT of Ladakh.

All the Learners who have completed their program in the Term End Examination December 2022 and June 2023 are slightly

ber 2022 and June 2023 are eligible to apply for receiving the degree

during the Convocation function.

Online registration and remitting the requisite fee has started and the portal will remain open till 10 th February, 2024. The eligible students who have not paid the requisite registration fee of Rs. 900. per certificate online for the 37th Convocation, so far, may pay the requisite fee through https://onlineservices.ignou.ac.in/convocation/.

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Beyond the Illusion

Rational Outlook On Kashmir's Real Estate Growth

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he real estate market in Kashmir has seen significant growth over the pant few decades, with the average selling price of and in areas such as Hyderpera, Lalbazar, and Bemian increasing from Rs 150 Jac per kanal in 1901 to Rs 2.10 cr to 2.50 cr per kanal in 19028. This represents a profit of approximately Rs 2 or over a 30-year period, with an annualized growth rate of 18.70%. 17.34% over the past 32 years.

While this growth may appear to be lucrative, it is important to consider the practicality of such returns over the long term. The projected exponential growth over the next 32 years seem to be too high, considering the compounding nature of the growth. Compounded annual growth of 17.34% annually may seem high, but it takes time and a steady growth strategy to achieve such returns. The magic of compounding is based on a certain growth rate, which is realized on a new base every year. It is important to focus on double-digit returns per annum, such as 124.50%, but expecting land to appreciate 180-165 times in the next 32 years as it has over the past 32



years is not logically possible.

Finding an asset that can provide a consistent return of 12·18% annually over a long period may not be achievable with raditional real estate investments. In such cases, it is important to exercise caution and seek trusted advisory before making any investment decisions. Consulting a trusted financial professional and considering options such as gold, silver, real estate, shares, mutual funds, and asset allocation funds can provide a more realistic approach to achieving steady returns over the long term.

In conclusion, the real estate market in Kashmir has experienced significant growth over the years, but expecting the same level of growth in the future may not be practical. It is important to consider the magic of compounding and to focus on finding assets that can provide realistic, consistent returns over a long period. Consulting with a trusted financial professional and considering alternative investment options may be the best approach in planning for future financial growth.

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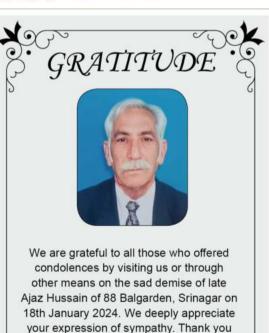
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Hamdani, passed away after a brief illness at her residence in Kamangarpora Srinagar. She was the sister-in-law of renowned Urdu poet and author Syed Akbar Jaiguni, Fathia khawani shall be held at our ancestral graveyard in Hassanabad on Wednesday, January 24th at 8 AM. Later condolence gatherings shall continue throughout the day at their residence in Kamangarpora Rajouri Kadal, inshallah.

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for your support at this difficult time. Thank

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Snow's No Show

s Chillai Kalan is about to draw to a close, Kash A mir remains snowlees. And there are little signs that the Valley will witness any precipitation in the near future. Gulmary has already been hit hard. Its brown and bare slopes have prematurely ended the sking season, with tourists canceling their bookings. This is a source of deep disappointment for the Valley which is predominantly reliant on tourism, which accounts for 7

percent of the region's gross domestic product (GDP).
According to government statistics, the valley welcomed around two crore tourists last year. In 2022, which marked the revival of tourism in the region after an almost three-year lockdown, approximately 19 million tourists visited

tourists visited.

However, the absence of the once abundant snow is not merely a disappointment for tourists and ski enthusiasts, it is a stark reminder of the severe impact of climate change on the region's economy. The current dry spell is not merely an isolated incident; it is emblematic of the not merely an isolated incident; it is emblematic of the broader climate crisis. Experts warn that extreme weath-er events, like the current snowlessness, are predicted to become more intense and frequent in the future. Rising

become more intense and frequent in the future. Rising temperatures, attributed in part to global climate change, have altered the region's weather patterns, leaving Gulmarg devoid of its signature snow.

If the dry weather persists, agriculture could also be impacted. As snow melt diminishes, the region anticipates water shortages that could severely impact farming. The frequent and prolonged dry spells would only exacerbate concerns about water scarcity and the potential for forest fires. In response to changing weather patterns, farmers are adapting their practices, with some shifting from water-intensive rice cultivation to fruit farming. However, this transition is not without risks, as the dry However, this transition is not without risks, as the dry spell and premature sunshine threaten early blossoming, impacting fruit yields. Climate change, however, is a global phenomenon

and Kashmir is turning out to be one of its latest victim in and Assamir is turning out to be one of its intert victim in recent years. The escalating global crisis has already led a staggering 110 million individuals to flee their homes in 2023, driven by a combination of climate related disas-ters and conflicts. Countries, like India, Pakistan, and ters and commers. Countries, the man, Panistan, and Bangladeah, face many deaths in extreme heat, particu-larly in densely populated urban areas. What is more, the surge in extreme weather events is increasing PTSD, anxiety, and depression among survivors of hurricanes, wildfires, and floods.

There is thus an urgent need for the world to come together and take remedial measures to pre-empt the catastrophe. But it may take decades before the world is able to sufficiently reign in the factors which are contributing to the disruption in the climate. As continuing heatwaves show, the world needs to quickly get its act together before it is too late.

OTHER OPINON

Asia ascendant

n January 19, the Smart Lander for Investigating Moon (SLIM) spacecraft of the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency (JAXA), launched in September the sipulated time, reports from JAXA indicated the indire had touched down but its solar panels were not producing power, forcing the craft to bank on its batteries. However, SLIM, it said, appeared to be transmitting data, and checks of its other components did not indicate any damage —meaning Japan had become the fifth country to soft-hand a robotic spacecraft on the moon. SLIM, like Chandrayaan-Ayan taked with a lumar soft-landing and deploying a rover mission (with two small rovers) but its primary mission was pioneering. Thus far, interplanetary spacecraft to the moon and Mars have been assigned suitable landing areas several hundred metres wide. SLIM however was designed to land within a 100 sq. m area, and thus its nickname "moon niper". In a press conference in which they confirmed the controlled descent, JAXA officials also said it outlib be a month before they could assertatin if SLIM had succeedability executed its pinpoint landing.

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SLIM's partial success (for now) comes a day after a moor-landing mission built by Astrobotic, a private U.S. company, and funded by NASA, reentered the earth's atmosphere following a propellant leak. SLIM also happened roughly a month ahead of a landing attempt by another. American company and four ahead of Ohina's ambilious ample-return mission from the moon's far-side. JAXA's lessons from SLIM are expected to inform the planned Lunar Polar Exploration Mission, an India-Japan collaboration with India expected to provide the lander. Precision landing is valuable because it allows lunar missions to begin closer to a place of interest, where there may be a smaller patch suitable for landing, instead of landing further away and roving to the area. And the moon's surface around its south pole is mostly rough terrain. There are now five countries with the demonstrated ability to land robotic spacecraft on the moon. These plus the European Space Agency are the world's major spacefaring entities. No other such entity has a robotic lunar mission planned in the near future. Both the U.S. and Russia also last demonstrated their abilities in a U.S. and Russia also last demonstrated their abilities in a bygone era, although the NASA Commercial Lunar Payload Services programme will be making frequent attempts, as with the Astrobotic mission. As such, the new Space Race is currently being led by Asian countries.



he past few years were marked by unprecedent-ed events around the world especially in Jam-mu and Kashmir. Kashmir had

ed events around the world especially in Jammu and Kachmir. Kashmir had already been in a lockdown, when Covid-19 hit the world. Hence, the effects of the lockdowns were more pronounced here.

However, the shared suffering also brought along with an opportunity for shared solutions. For Kashmir, this worked clusterly left behind. The quick shift from offline to oulline mode for work, education and possibly everything meant that Kashmir too could join in — now with the internet services restored.

In the post Covid world, Kashmir is still mitigating past and new challenge. Unemployment is soaring. However, the way the pandemic brought together the world, Kashmir too has gotten an opportunity to take inspiration from the rest of the world. Kashmir too has gotten an opportunity to take inspiration from the rest of the world. Infact, it has also brought for Kashmiria chance to take advantage of the many new opportunities in the opportunity to work remotely—at any place, from anywhere.

For the moot part, our young-stern had the education and the skills but lacked guidance as well as opportunities. Remote Jobs have opened up the possibility for them to explore many new careers and opportunities. Infact, remote jobs seem to be more democratic and inclusive in that they do not require one to shift to a tier-1 city requirement of the control of the

and opportunities. Infact, remote jobs seem to be more democratic and inclusive in that they do not require one to shift to a ter-1 city or another country all together.

Hence, in an increasingly interconnected and technology-driven world, remote jobs have emerged as a transformative force in the employment land-scape. The rise of remote work has opened up a plethora of opportunities, making it more accessible for people of all backgrounds and abilities to engage in meaninghil employment. Many young people have reasons because of which they cannot move out of Kashmir. Sometimea, this would become an impediment due to the lack of jobs here. Now, with remote jobs available, Now, with remote jobs available.

it is easier for such youngsters to work in good organisations which Fatima Latif

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Thus, remote Joba are healing the pandemic of uprootedness that had become a prerequisite for "success" in the past.

Remote work overcomes geographical barriers that often limit individuals in traditional Job setups. Physical location no longer dictates job opportunities, as remote Jobs allow individuals to work from anywhere. This flexibility empowers people in rural areas, enabling them to access job opportunities that were once reserved for urban dwellers. By doing so, remote work bridges the gap between different regions and promotes commit growth across the board.

Moreover: remote Jobs enhance work-him balance. The traditional 9-to-5 office culture often leads to stress, burnout, and an im-leads to stress, burnout, and an im-

leads to stress, burnout, and an im leads to stress, burnout, and an imbalance between work and personal life. Remote work provides a colution by offering individuals the
freedom to work from home or any
location of their choice. They can
create a work schedule that suits
their needs, leading to improved
work-life balance. This flexibility
benefits parents, caregivers, and
individuals with personal commitments, as they can fulfill their
responsibilities while actively participating in the workforce.
It also promotes inclusivity for
people with disabilities. Traditional work environments may present
physical accessibility challenges,
making it difficult for individuals
with disabilities to fully particulpate. Remote jobe eliminate these iance between work and person

pate. Remote jobs eliminate these pate. Remote jobe eliminate these barriers by providing a level playing field. With the right tools and technologies, individuals can work from the comfort of their homes, leveraging their skills and expertuse without hindrances. This inclusivity empowers people with disabilities, allowing them to contribute to the workforce and access employment opportunities that were previously out of reach.

Furthermore, remote jobs

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Furthermore, remote jobs
foster diversity by embracing
individuals from various backgrounds and cultures. Employers
are no longer limited to hiring
within a specific geographic area.
Remote work enables companies
to tap into a global talent pool, attracting top talent from diverse
regions. This diversity of thought

and experience drives innovation and enhances problem-solving ca-pabilities within organizations Additionally, it reduces uncon-scious biases associated with associated with physical appearances, names, or accents, focusing solely on skills

accents, focusing sand qualifications.

Remote work has become a game-changer for women from areas such as Jammu and Kashmir. Women, especially married women, who do not have the priviwomen, who do not have the privi-lege or the opportunity to work outside, are increasingly taking up remote jobe to grow finan-cially. Day in and day out, social media is filled with posts by such women looking to work. The abil-ity to stay home and work gives married women an opportunity to strike a much needed balance. It helps them be present at home and also grow professionally. With no helps them be present at home and also grow professionally. With no expectation to show up at a physi-cal office and commute for hours, women are saving up a lot of time and energy. With financial free-dom, women can also seek house helps at home and create a safer way to take care of their kids with-out having to drop them at crèch-es. If the husbands also have the

out having to drop them at crèche. If the husbands also have the
option to work remotely, it works
wonders for a family that can now
spend time together. Even though
remote work also comes with its
own set of challenges for women.
However, if dealt with ethically, it
can be revolutionary for them.
Hence, remote jobs have
brought about a paradigm shift
in the world of work. They offer
numerous advantages that make
them better, more inclusive, and
more accessible for everyone. By
overcoming geographical barriers,
enhancing work-life balance, promoting inclusivity for people with
disabilities, fostering diversity,
and reducing environmental impact, remote jobs have the potential to transform the employment
landscape for the better. Embraclandscape for the better. Embrac-ing remote work is not just a trend-it is a step towards a more equita-ble and inclusive workforce for all

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Ensuring Enriching Winter Breaks for Kashmir's Children

the beautiful valley of Realmir, it brings with it a sense
Hower, for the young minds of our
region, the long winter break can
sometimes lead to a lack of engagement and missed opportunities for
growth. It is crucial to recognize the
simplesure of planning registries for significance of planning activities for children during this period, fostering not only their intellectual develop-ment but also contributing to their overall well-being. Firstly, organized activities dur-

ing the winter break can provide ing the winter oreast can provide children with a structured routine, ensuring that their time is spent pro-ductively. This is especially impor-tant in preventing the tendency for youngsters to succumb to excessive screen time or other passive activ-ties. By engaging in planned events, children can learn new skills, discov-ers that vincers and desides agence. er their interests, and develop a sense of discipline that will serve them well

in the future.

Secondly, the winter break activities can play a pivotal role in promoting social interaction among

children. In a world where technolocmaren. In a worre reeminory of the replace face-to-face communication, these activities provide a platform for children to build friend-ships, collaborate, and share experiences. Social stills acquired during these interactions are invaluable and contribute significantly to the child's personal and emotional development.

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Furthermore, the diverse culture and rich heritage of Kashmir offer a unique opportunity to incorporate local traditions and crafts into these planned activities. This not only strengthens the connection of children with their roots but also ensures

dren with their roots but also ensures the preservation of our cultural heritage for generations to come. In conclusion, while the winter heads to state the treat and relaxation, it is equally important to ensure that our children's potential for growth and development is maximized. By planning and organizing enriching activities, we not only invest in the future of our youth but also contribute to the cultural richness of our beute to the cultural richness of our be-loved Kashmir.

Career Counseling Isn't A Bad Idea After All

Mohammad Hanief

areer Counseling is a system of scientifically based measures aimed at preparing young people to choose a profession, taking into account personality characteristics and the socio-economic situation in the labor market, to assist

ation in the labor market, to assist young people in professional self-determination and employment. Every year, tens of thousands oryung people graduate from high schools with honors. At the same time, a relatively small number of high school students become highly qualified specialists and achieve success in career growth. Thus, the right choice of the future profession very often means much more good grades and a significant amount of knowledge.

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The adequacy of the choice and the level of development of the profession affect all aspects and the everal quality of life. Career counseling at the stage of choosing a profession and organizing vocational education and organizing vocational education will allow students in the future to become successful, and motivated for successful self-realization in their chosen field of activity.

Career counseling is a process that helps individuals identify and explore career options, make informed decisions about their future, and develop strategies to achieve their goals. It can be helpful at any stage of life, but it is especially beneficial for young people who are just starting out in their careers.

Career counseling can be of wondering help for grooming a person, as they may be overwhelmed by the numerous options available to them. After graduating from college, graduates may feel a sense of emptiness and are often unsure about where to start their job search. Perhaps they are unsure about their education and whether they want to pursue further studies. Career counseling can be very useful for these graduates, as it can prepare them for immediate satisfaction and a long, prosperous professional life.

A career coach can help.

and exercises that help the indi-vidual to identify these areas. Once these areas are identified, the career coach can help the individual to de-velop a plan to pursue their goals. This may include setting up infor-mational interviews, researching different careers, and exploring job opportunities. The career coach can also provide guidance and support throughout the process to ensure that the individual is on track and making progress.

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goals.

Career coaching helps individuals in making informed decisions about their future by providing them with information about various career options, the pros and cons of each option, and the steps required to pursue each option, all abo helps individuals to understand their own strengths and weaknesses and how these fit into different career paths. Ultimately career coaching can as-

strengths and weaknesses and how these fit into different career paths. Ultimately, career coaching can as-sist individuals in making informed decisions about their future by pro-viding them with the information and tools necessary to make an in-formed decision.

An experienced coach can help in-dividuals in a number of ways, It can assist with identifying and explor-ing career options, developing job search strategies, writing resumes and cower letters, preparing for in-terviews, and understanding and managing job stress. It can also help individuals assess their strengths and weaknesses, set realistic career goals, and create action plans for achieving those goals. Ultimately, career counseling can help individu-als make informed decisions about



their careers, leading to greater sat-isfaction and success. A career guidance counsellor can help an individual learn about dif-ferent job options that are available, and help them understand the job market. The counsellor can also pro-vide information on job search strat-

vide information on job search strategies, resume writing, and interviewing, Additionally, the counsellor can help the individual identify their strengths and weaknesses, and match them with potential careers. A Career advisor can help an individual manage their career transitions by providing support and guidance throughout the process. He can be providing support and guidance throughout the process he still can be providing support and guidance throughout the process. He still st



A career guidance counsellor can help you choose a satisfying and successful career path. They can help you assess your interests, skills, and values, and match them to careers that fit you. They can also help you explore different careers, learn about job outlooks and requirements, and find the education and training you need

Career counseling can play a pivotal role in helping individuals overcome obstacles to career success. By providing guidance and support, career counsellors can help individuals identify and overcome barriers that may be preventing them from achieving their career goals. Common obstacles that career counsellors can help with include a lack of direction, self-doubt, imposter syndrome, and a lack of confidence. By working with a career counsellor, individuals can develop a plan move forward in their careers.

A career counsellor can also provide support and encouragement when individuals are facing difficult challenges in their careers. By helping individuals to see challenges as opportunities for growth, career counsellors can help them to develop the resilience needed.

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Is Forgiveness Against Our Human Nature?

no answer our question, we need to ask a further question: What is the essence of our humanity?
For the sake of simplicity, we consider two distinctly different views of humanity, both of which involve ideas from biology and philosophy.

The first view involves dominance and power. Charles Darwin, for example, argued that we are biologically programmed for the quest of the survival of the first. As involvable stand first. As involvable standard first. As involvable

SECOND VIEW

The second view involves the theme of cooperation, mutual respect, and even love as the basis of who we are as humans. Within biology, almost a half-century ago, E.O. Wilson (1975) described what he called sociobiology. or the concept that to survive well, we have to bive in cooperative communities with one another.



In other words, dominating others could alienate those others, with the result of hostility within families and communities. Such hostility could hurt both the systems in which the hostility occurs as well as the individuals who practice the hostility and those individuals who are the recipients of the hostility. In philosophy, as just one example, we find Kant's (1785) theme that all people are ends in and of themselves and should be treated as such. In other words, we strive in a moral sense not to dominate others.

For this second view within psychology, we see the theme of love, in the sense of serving others, in the work of Lewis, Annin, and Lannon (2001). They present the scientific argument that to flourish as human beings, we need both to receive love from and offer love to others. Because love is so important to every one of us, we often experience anguish when others withhold their love from us. The more that love is taken away, the more suffering someone may experience. The road to healing may take longer the longer and more in-

tensely that love is withdrawn. Without love, our connections with a wide range of individuals in our lives can fall apart. From E.O. Wilson's perspective, this can damage harmony within communities, which is the point of our survival as a species.

IS FORGIVENESS AGAINST OUR NATURE?

NATURE?

From this second viewpoint of who we are as humans, forgiveness plays a key role in the
biological and psychological integrity of both individuals and
communities because one of the

outcomes of forgiveness, shown through scientific studies (Enright & Fitzgibbons, 2015), is the diminishing of hostility and the restoration of harmony, Forgiveness can break the cycle of anger and even revenge. At least to the extent that the people from whom you are estranged accept your love and forgiveness and are prepared to make the required adjustments, forgiveness can heal relationships and reconnect people.

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WHICH OF THESE TWO APPROACHES
SEEMS MORE CORRECT?
Given that dominance and a lack of respect and a lack of forgiveness can compromise a person's psychological and relational well-being, the first approach obeen showen viable as a way to live. Given that forgiveness has been shown in numerous studies to enhance well-being, it follows that the second approach seems more valid, both from the reasoning of philosophy and the supported hypotheses from soclal science. Even common sense strongly suggests that the will to power over others does not make for harmonious interactions. For example, how well has slavery worked as a mode of social harmony?

worked as a mode of social har-mony?
Forgiveness is not against our nature. Instead, forgiveness is part of that nature when we see that we need to live in commu-nity and love those who are close to us in that community.
As an important caveat, when we take a Classical Realist philo-sophical perspective, that of Ar-istotle, we see the distinction be-tween potentiality and actuality. We are not necessarily born with the capacity to forgive, but in-stead with the potential to learn about it and to grow in our abili-ty to forgive. The actuality of for-giving, its actual appropriation in conflict situations, develops with

practice.

Do you see how forgiveness safeguards both your humanity and that of others? This is the case because one way to reclaim the love that has been taken from you by the unfair deeds of others is by forgiveness. This will enable you to feel love again and be more receptive to love from others in the future. When you demonstrate greater love to others, you give them the opportunity to learn about forgiveness, put it into practice, and find a way to end the destructive effects of resentment in their own relationships and communities.

NE CONCLUSION

When we see the essence of humanity through the lens of sociobiology, Kantian philosophy, and social science, the conclusion is this: Not only is forgiveness consonant with our nature but also it may be one of the elements that helps humanity to survive, especially in an age in which the proliferation of nuclear weapons, when used to dominate others, could exterminate communities of persons and even humanity listelf.

If forgiveness is part of our hu-

manity itself.

If forgiveness is part of our human nature but must be cultivated through thought and practic, then why do almost all societies on planet Earth spend so little time thinking about and deliberately practicing forgiveness within their own families and communities? What has prevented this? If E.O. Wilson is communities? What has prevented this? If E.O. Wilson is correct, that we are better off when vented this? If E.O. Wilson is cor-rect, that we are better off when living in cooperative communi-ties, then we need to find a way of making forgiveness a natural part of our lives and our commu-nities for the good of humanity.

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Prez Appoints

Besides Chief Justice N. Kotiswar Singh, the odges in place include Justice Tashi Rabstan, istice Atul Sreedharan, Justice Sanjeev Kumar justice Amii Sreemaran, Justice Sanjeev Kumar Shulka, Justice Sindhu Sharma, Justice Rajnesh Oswal, Justice Vinod Chatterji Roul, Justice Sanjay Dhar, Justice Puneet Gupta, Justice Javed Iqbal Wami, Justice Modd Akram. Chowdhary, Justice Rahul Bharri, Justice Moksha Khajuria Kazami, Justice Wasim Sadiq Nargal and Justice Rajesh Sekhri.

Jan 22 Not Just

Ram defines the spirit of Vasudhaiva
Kutumbikam' (the world is a family), Modi said.
With his speech being heard across the country, he sought to strike an emotional chord with
the masses saying 'our Ram' has arrived after
wait, patience and sacrifices of centuries.

"Our Ram Italia will 10 stonger live in a tent.
Our Ram Lalla will stay in a magnificent temple."
Modi said in his 36-minute speech.
The temple was built after "countless sacrifices?" and is a testament to a risine India Thomas

"and is a testament to a rising India "breaking and is a testament to a rising India "breaking se stackles of slave mentality", Modi said. He urged everyone to do their bit in building strong, capable, grand and divine India, saying they should not misso cut a a time when the bountry is passing through a positive and contractive period.

There is not an iota of space for any desponency be said.

dency, he said.
India will be guided by traditions, heritage and

main will be guided by trainions, heritage and modernity to reach its goals, he said. With the temple being built and divine pow-ers "witnessing" the occasion, he asked people to take a pledge in the current time of immense positive energy" to build a strong and capable lindia of the next 1000 years after the temple has been built.

"Ayodhya is asking us all, every devotee of Arm, every Indian as to the next course of action as the grand temple of Shri Ram has been built. What metz? We have to from today, from this sa-cred moment lay the foundation of India of the next 1000 years. Going beyond the temple's con-struction, we all Indians take a pledge to build strong, capable, grand and divine India," he said. The Ram temple, the prime minister said, will be a witness to India's rise and dawn of a devel-poed and magnificent India, January 22, 2024, is not merely a date but marks the advent of a new era, he added. odhya is asking us all, every devo

era he added, would seek forgiveness from Lord Rams althe deity had to endure a wait of centures and the deity had to endure a wait of centures and this existence was guestioned even after the original copy of the independent india's constitution carried his illustration.

"There must be some shortcomings in us," he said before thanking the Supreme Court for doing justice and paving the way for the temples construction at the once-disputed site by law.

The 16th Century Babri mosque had stood at the site, whose converted in was a matter of con-

The 16th Century taori mosque nas stoou at the site, whose ownership was a matter of contesting claims in courts before a frenzied mob of 'karsevaks' tore it down in 1992. A five-judge constitution bench of the Supreme Court in November 2019 ruled unanimously in favour of the Hindu group, ending the protracted dispute around the site which devotees believe to be the National State of the Parm.

around the site which devotees believe to be the birthplace of Lord Ram.

Modi said, "We have got the Shri Ram temple today. That is how a nation writes a new history after breaking the shackles of slavery and drawing resolve from its every suffering." The temple, built in the traditional Nagara style of architecture, spans 380 feet in length (east-west), 250 feet in width and 161 feet in height, It is supported by 392 pillars and has 44 doors.

"Ram is India's faiths. Ram is the basis of India, Ram lays down the rules in India, Ram is India's profices owners.

India's consciousness, Ram is India's pride, Ram is India's glory, Ram is India's influence, Ram is

india's consciousness, Ram is India's pride, Ram is India's you, Ram is India's influence, Ram is overarching.

"Therefore, when Ram is consecrated it has an effect not just for years and centuries but for thousands of years' Mofi said.

The perime minister told the gathering he could still feel the divine vibrations be experienced during the consecration ceremony inside the sanctum sanctorum. The construction of Ram Mandi has filled people with a new energy." People will remember this date, this moment even after thousands of years, he said. "It is Rams supreme blessing that we are witnessing it."

While many countries have at times plunged into more difficulties in an attempt to untangle old historical knots, Indian society has shown its maturity by resolving the dispute with such maturity and amity, he said.

Modi said the entire world was connected with this 'pran pratishtha' ceremony as celebrations similar to those witnessed in Ayodhya were seen in other countries as well.

He said he was experiencing the changing times with a pure mind.

"It is a happy coincidence that our generation has been chosen to be the architect of an era transcending time. Even after 1,000 years, the generation will remember our works of nationalding." Modi said.

"That is why I say this is the time, this is the right time. From this auspicious moment, we

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1000 years," he said.

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Modi also offered prayers at Kuber Tila and showered flower petals on the construction workers of the Ram Temple.

Most opposition leaders invited to the event skipped the ceremony, accusing his government of making it a political exercise with an eye on the coming Lok Sabha polis.

He also apologised to Ram saying, "There must be something lacking in our effort, sacrifice, and penance that we could not do this work for so many centuries. Today the work has been completed. I believe that Lord Shri Ram will definitely forgive its today."

Ram Rajya Coming

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and Sacrifices. "But why did he (Ram) leave? He left because
there were disputes (kalah) in Ayodhya, Ram Rajya
is coming and we have to shun all disputes and
stop fighting among ourselves over petty issues.
We will have to shun ego and stay united." he salak
Knowing that there is Sam everywhere, we hake
to coordinate among ourselves. To stay together is
the first true practice of religion," he added.
Compassion is the second step, Mr Bhagwat
said, asking people to keep the minimum of what
they earn for themselves and give the remaining

back to charity.

This is the meaning of compassion, You should keep your desires under check. While government schemes are providing relief to the poor, we also must bind society as everyone is our brother. Wherever you see sorrow and pain, serve there, 'he said, he was not be to be greedy and lead a disciplined life.

"We have to work together to make our country a world leader,' he said.

Ram Temple - India's

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Champat Rai, general secretary of the Sri Ram
anmabloomi Teerth Kehetra, said the temple's
rootstruction is the result of 'collective wisdom'
of 'some of the best brains in the country'.
No iron or stee has been used in the construction of the grand structure. Stones have been
ounced from Raissharhar's Banis 'Baharpur area.
Mr Rai said, "The entire temple superstructure
will centrally be three storyes - 6.2" Visitors
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The temple complex, built in the traditional Nagara style, will be 380 feet long from the east to the west, 250 feet wide and 161 feet high. Each floor of the temple will be 20 feet high and have a total 392 pillars and 44 gates.

During the excavation work, it was found that the ground was unsuitable for laying the foundation stone, a challenge that engineers overcame by creating an "artificial foundation" over which the superstructure sits.

Images of tord Hanuman, other deities, peacocks and flower patterns have been carwed onto the stones, lending the structure a divine look.

The temple complex has been decked with flowers for the consecration ceremony.

More than 3,000 kilogrammies of flowers of over 20 varieties have been used to decorate the grand structure, Sanjay Dhawalikar, head of the floral decoration team, told Press Trust of India

on Sunday.

Around the grand temple is a rectangular periphery called percota, a feature found in temples in south India, but not generally in north India, Nr. Rai had earlier said.

The percota will be 14 feet wide and the periphery span 732 metres.

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Ornate statues of elephants, lions, Lord famuman and Garuda were installed at the main entrance leading to the temple earlier this month. These statues have also been made using sandstone brought from the Bansi Paharpur.
'An ancient Shiva temple that exists on the Kuber Tila has also been revitalised,' Mr Rai said. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to visit Kuber Tila on Monday.
Mr Rai had shared the layout of the temple complex with the media in late December. A major part of the temple compound will be a green area with hundreds of trees.
The complex itself will be "atmanirbhar (self reliant)', Mr Rai had said, underliming features such as its own sewage and water treatment plants, a fire brigade post and a dedicated power line.
About 70 per cent of the 70-acre complex will a green area.

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The green area includes portions which are

y dense and, in some segments, even sunlight dly filters through," Mr Rai had said, shout 600 existing trees are preserved in the en belt.

green belt.

The complex will have two sewage treatment plants, a water treatment plant and a dedicated electricity line from the power house. The fire brigade post will be able to source water from an

indeground reservoir.

The Supreme Court delivered a historic verdict in 2019, settling the temple-mosque dispute that

dated back over a century.

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2 kg of pure saffron from Kashmiri Muslims for the Pran Pratishtha ceremony at the Ram Temple in Ayodhya is a symbol of unity transcending religious boundaries. This gesture reflects the shared reverence for Lord Ram among diverse communities, emphasizing the common cultural heritage that binds us."

"As the grand ceremony unfolds on January 22, 2024, and the temple opens its doors for public darshard from January 23, the contributions from devotees, including this thoughtful gift of saffron, enhance the sacred atmosphere surrounding the event?, he said.

Bhan informed, "The meeting between Kashmiri Muslims and Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) president Alok Kumar underscores the sentiment that, despite different religious paths, our ancestral connections and shared cultural nots foster mutual respect. Their acknowledgment of Lord Kam as a revered ancestor signifies the inclusive nature of the Kamayana's teachings, emphasizing universal values of duty, rights, and social responsibilities."

The narrative of Rama's incarnation as an embodiment of God in human form, as per the Ramayana, resonates with the collective consciousness. The ancient legends of Rama, enriched with cultural expressions, not only shape the core of Vasitnavism but also find echoes in Jainism, Buddhism, and Sikhism, demonstrating the enduring impact of these stales across diverse spiritual traditions', he said.

"Shi Ram's stay is marked by enchanting anecdores that continue to resonate with the Kashmiri cultural heritage. Legend has it that during his exile. Shif Ram sought solace in the service meadows of Kashmiri, kawing an indelble mark on the land.

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serene meadows of Kashmir, leaving an indelible mark on the land. This harmonious convergence of faiths in the gift of saffron exemplifies the profound cultural harmony that weaves together the rich heritage of India, celebrating the essence of unity in diversity. As the grand cereinony of Pain Patisithat unfolds in Ayoditya, the gift of saffron from Kashmir serves as a symbol of this profound connection, bridging the historical anecdotes of \$\frac{1}{2}\text{min}\$ fam with the present-day expressions of unity and respect among diverse communities", the said.

SOUTH RASISTIM

office, however, has forecast the possibility of light snowfall at some places in the valley from Jamuary 25 to Jamuary 31.

Kashum is currently under the grip of "Chilla-i-Ralian", a 40-day harsh winter period, when a cold wave sweeps the region and temperatures drop considerably leading to the freezing of water bodies as well as water in pipes.

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

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significant avenue for people to seek financial support from a global community. Nowadays, people find it easy to share person-al narratives, photos, and updates on platforms like Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram and it helps humanize the fundratising process, creating a direct connection between those in need and notential donor.

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In Kashmir, the locally crowdfunding sites like KashmirZakat, crowdKash, SROKashmir etc have also helped become potential platforms to help the people in distress times.

In 2015, Jan Mohammad, a 47-year-old resident of North Kashmir's Bandipora district, faced a life-altering diagnosis of kidney failure. The urgency of the situation demanded an immediate kidney transplantation to save his life. However, the financial burdle of arranging 3 lakh reveyes and finding a kidney donor presented an overwhelming challenge.

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"Before that, we had exhausted all our resources, and I was also suffering from other ailments. So it was difficult to arrange money and donors quickly," Jan Mohammad told Kashmir Observer.

So it was difficult to arrange money and donors quickly. Jan Mohammad told Kashmir Observer. A father of three, Jan Mohammad had been supporting his family by driving a load carrier, but his illness made it increasingly difficult to meet their need it increasingly difficult to meet their need in dire situation, a neighbor's suggestion of seeking donations from the community opened a new acene for the family. "At first, we were reluctant, considering certain issues, but with time running out, we had no choice," he said. The family embarked on a journey, mounting a loudspeaker on a vehicle, and traversed different parts of the valley, appealing to people for contributions. In about a week or two, they managed to collect over 90 thousand rupees, but the sum was insufficient. With the need still pressing, they turned to social media.

"We made a video and appealed to people rough social media platforms, and within no through social media piatforms, and within ne time, we got our amount and successfully went through the kidney transplantation," he said while sitting outside his house on a wheelchair. Jan Mohammad's wife, displaying immenso courage and love, stepped forward, offering one of her kidneys. The surgery was a success, and both of them are doing well.

His story is not an isolated incident; the valley

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is oriniming with examples where individuals have generously donated with open hearts.

Dr. Raja Muzaffar Bhat, noted Right information (RiT) activist, says that Social media is helping a lot of people in distress as it has a huge reach in Kashmir. He said that the online banking and cashless transaction has also helped

Inge reach in Kostlmir. He said that the online banking and cashless transaction has also helped in this process as people can easily transfer money through their cell phones which was possible 45-years back as people can easily transfer money through their cell phones which was possible about an old poverty stricken man who was unable to pay his electricity bill generated 4 lakh views and his 2 years electricity bill was paid by a Srinagar based businessman. Bhat said, adding, "He has now decided to pay his electricity bill after completion of 2 years as well."

In May last year, a 25-year-old girl Sadaf Ayoub, resident of Lassipora, Pulwama was suffering from blood cancer at Sheri-Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS). After sensing that he hospital was not capable of providing further treatment to their daughter, the family moved the young girl to Fortis Hospital Gurgram, Haryana for better treatment. However, the cost freatment was said to be "too expensive".

The family sold 4 kanals of their agricultural land to meet the cost of treatment, However, it wasn't enough and the family decided to go for crowflunding through social media platforms. A picture of sadaf was posted on social media platforms, detailing the plight of the girl suffering from blood cancer and went viral within no time.

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ng one crore rupees.
"People from all parts of Kashmir donated with enerosity, The response was overwhelming," iid Mohammad Ayoub Bhat, father of Sadaf.

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Over the years, the people of Kashmir haw witnessed many ups- and downs and faced a number of challenges. However, the "resilience" that people have shown is what keeps then to gether. "Be it 2014 floods, uncertainty in different parts of the properties." geria: beri Zori Holoss dietertaling in distress needing financial support, people of kashmir have overcome every difficult phase of life," said Akthar Hussain, a retired headmaster who lives in Sciences.

in Sringar.

However, Dr. Suheel Rasool Mir, Senior Researcher at Kashmir University's Sociology Department argues that the families are stigmatized in the "Offline world" too and they are labeled and feel otherization once their videos get

beled and feel otherization once their vines of general media appeals have significant repercussions, impacting various appeals have significant repercussions, impacting various aspects such as the marriage process and verification. Families often encounter nuerous difficulties." Mir said, adding, "Not just this the self stigmatization of the families also hampers their social progress."

conditions for inter-cadre deputations, which require officials to have completed their probations astisfactorily and ensure reciprocal basis against identical posts.

Any inter-cadre deputation without reciprocal basis would only be considered on compelling medical or humanitarian grounds, it mentioned. These instructions must be strictly adhered to and any violation by employees will invite stringent disciplinary action as per rules, according to the circular.

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The Namaz e Janaza of the deceased v held at 10:30 A.M at his ancestral reside eld at 10:30 rum an hattabugh Budgam. Kashmir Observer staff has expressed solidar-with the bereaved family in this hour of grief.

6 Injured In Wild Boar

them," official at the hospital said. He said the condition of all the injured person stable. Meanwhile, the wildlife department off Kulgarn police later rushed to the spot. After remuous efforts, the wild boar has been tran-ultised and shifted to safer place

3 Drug Peddlers

Wali Rather son of Wali Mohammed Rather of Kralgund Handwara.
"During his further disclosure, it came to fore that he had given the consignment to Shahnawaz. Ahmed Shah of Dangerpora Sopore, Shah was ar-rested in a swift action by the police with 744 Spasmoproxivon plus capsulers; he said. He added that upon questioning, he disclosed that he has given some quantity to Shabir Ahmed son of Abdul Rashid Mir of Kralgund Handwara,

who was apprehended from Dangerpora village along with 792 Spasmoproxivon plus capsules. He further said that cases in this regard under FIR number 04/2024 under section 8/21/22/29 NDPS Act was registered in Police Station Amargrah and further investigations are going

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"We are intensifying efforts to combat drug-related crime with a compehensive approach, involving strict law enforcement measures and community engagement," he said.

Meamwhile, two drug peddiers were arrested adong with Spasmoproxivon plus tablets and Codeine Phosphate by PP Fruit Mandi, a police splesperson plus tablets and Codeine Phosphate by PP Fruit Mandi, a police party beaded by I/C PP Fruit Mandi, Sub Inspector Bital Rashid intercepted a Maruti Swift car bearing registration number J/O/IAU-3674 in which two persons were on hoard.

During checking, the party managed to recover 112 capsules of Spasmo Proxyvon plus and 11 Bottles of Codeine Phosphate from the car. Both the accused were arrested on the spot, he said.

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the matter. The deceased has been identified Adil Ramzan Dar son of Mohammad Ramzan

Leopard Captured

inside a building in the area

Army Veteran

referred to GMC Rajouri, where he succumbed later on", the official said. "The deceased was a retired army soldier", the official said adding the Police has taken cogni-zance of the matter for investigations,

Govt Orders

of Police (Headquarters), Srinagar, is trans-ferred and posted as Dy. Commandant JKAP-9th Battalion, against an available vacancy. Naresh Singh, Additional Superintendent of Police, Shopian, is transferred and posted as Joint Director (Headquarters) SSF Srinagar, vice Brijesh Kumar (Sharme).

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Mastikoor Ahmed Zargar, Superintendent of Police, Hazrathal Sringar, is transferred and posted as Dy. Commandant IR-8th Battalion, against an available vacancy.

Brijesh Kumar Sharma, Joint Director (Headquarters) SSP Srinagar, is transferred and posted as SP(Rural, Jammu, vice Rahul Charak, who shall report to the Police Headquarters till further orders.

Kulbir Chand Handa, Superintendent of Police, Kulbir Chand Handa, Superintendent of Police, Sandan, Additional Superintendent of Police, Vandan, Additional Superintendent of Police, Kupwara, is transferred and posted as Dy. Commandant IR-18th Battalion, against an available vacancy.

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an available vacancy. Vishal Manhas, awalting adjustment, is posted as Staff Officer to IGP Jammu Zone, against an available vacancy. Hital Khaliq Bhat, awaifing adjustment, is posted as Superintendent of Police, Hazralba-Srinagar, vice Mashkoor Ahmed Zargar, luntiaz Ahmed, awaiting adjustment, is posted as Dy. Commandant IR-10th Bn., against an available vacancy.



6 Injured In Wild Boar Attack In Kulgam Market



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were injured after being at-tacked by a wild boar (wild pig) in the main town of South Kashmir's Kulgam district on

Monday.

An official told the news agency that a wild boar appeared in the market and in-

jured six persons.

He said all the injured were rushed to district hospital Kul-

The hospital has received are being treated and vaccines have been administered to them," official at the hospital

said.

He said the condition of all the injured persons is stable.

Meanwhile, the wildlife department and Kulgam police later rushed to the spot. After strenuous efforts, the wild ter strenuous efforts, the wi boar has been tranquilised ar shifted to safer place—(KNO)

DC Urges Faster Progress on Srinagar-Baramulla Highway



BARAMULLA: The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, Inday conducted a thorough assessment of the ongoing construction and road widening activities along the Srinagar-Baramulla National Highway MHI, specifically from Narbal to Uri, during his on-site visit. During the visit, the DDC and a team of officers conducted a comprehensive on-site inspection of key construction sites,

comprehensive on-site inspec-tion of key construction sites including Khan QQ pora By-pass, Delina Flyover, Sangrama pass, Delina Flyover, Sangrama Flyover, Pattan Bypass, Narbal/ Mirgund Package1-B, Hamray and other significant locations. The proceedings

and other significant locations. The executing officers pro-vided the DDC with a detailed overview encompassing the current status, progress, pro-jected timeline, hurdles and various facets pertaining to the ongoing construction activities. While reviewing the prog-ress of the project, the DDC di-parted the congrand executions.

DC Bandipora Urges Officers To

Enhance Winter Preparedness

on the project and complete it within stipulated time frame thereby benefiting the com-muters by significantly reduc-ing the travel time. Minga Sherpa further directed the officers of the various depart-ments to collaborate and swiftly address any impediments bin-dradess are impediments bin-

address any impediments hin dering construction work ensur-ing a smooth and timely progres-

using a smooth and timely progression of the project. He emphasized that the Srinagar-Baramulla-Uri National Highway bears profound significance, not solely in terms of transportation but also means for fostering economic development and effective connectivity for the entire region. The DDC was accompanied by Additional Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Dr. Zahora Ahmad Raina; Additional Deputy Commissioner Spore, Shabir Ahmad Raina; Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Superintending Engineers PWD. OE Beacon and other concerned officers from

20% Valley Water Supply Hit by Dry Spell: **Jal Shakti Dept**

SRINAGAR: Amidst a pro-longed dry spell in Kashmir, approximately 20 percent of the valley's potable water sup-ply is "badly affected", the Jal Shakti Department said on Monday

Monday. Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti,

Chief Engineer, Jal Shakti, Kashmir, Er Sanjeev Malhotra, speaking with the news agency, said the situation may deteriorate further if there is no immediate wet spell. He said the impact of the dry spell is more in plain areas which are witnessing a much decline in water supply. 'Bodated springs across the valley have also dried up, which has exacerbated the water scarcity issue.' Malhotra said, adding that there is no such problem in higher reaches.



The Chief Engineer said an emergency water supply plan has been initiated for areas having water scarcity. But this is not a permanent solution, he clarified. "For water supply, there is no contingency plan, as water production depends

on the availability of water in bodies like rivers and springs," he explained.

Er Malhotra further said that there is no problem with groundwater resources.

Meanwhile. meteorologi-cal officials have predicted dry weather until January 24 (Wednesday), with generally cloudy conditions and light snow anticipated at isolated higher reaches from January 25-26. From January 27-31, there is a possibility of light to moderate rain/snow in many places, according to MeT.

The valley is currently experiencing Chillal-Kalan, the 40-day harsh winter period, which

riencing Chillai-Kalan,' the 40-day harsh winter period, which will conclude on January 29. Salat-ul-Istisq – prayers to seek rain/snow – have been offered across the valley since last week—(KNO)

Jhelum Tawi Flood Recovery Project Gets Another Extension

Project has surpassed agreed targets in some cases: World Bank

SRINAGAR: The World Bank has extended the deadline for completion of Rs 1500 crore Jhelum-Tawi Flood Recovery Project (ITRP) in J&K Union Territory to December 31, 2024.

The latest implementation status and results report of the multi-crore project reveals that its closing date has been extended by 12 months until December 31, 2024.

The deadline was extended after the project implementing entity. Economic Reconstruction Agency, in its letter dated another 12-month extension to the Department of Economic SRINAGAR: The World Bank

tion Agency, in its letter dated becember 11, 2023, requested another 12-month extension to the Department of Economic Affairs (DEA), Finance Ministry, DEA, in its letter dated Decem-ber 12, 2023, has endorsed the request of the project imple-menting entity, and requested the World Bank to grant a fur-ther one-year extension. This is the fifth extension to the project by the World Bank. Approved in 2015, the Project's original closing date of June 30, 2020 has undergone four



xtensions, resulting in a cu-nulative extension period of

42 months.

After a very slow start during the PDP-BJP, the performance of the project incrementally improved after Syed Abid Rasheed Shah took over as head of the project implementing entity.

According to the World Bank, the Project has surpassed its agreed targets in some cases.

"JFRP focuses on recovery and mitigating risks linked to floods in Jammu and Kash-

mir. The Project has largely achieved this and, in some cases, has surpassed the agreed targets," reads the lat-est implementation status and

est implementation status and results report of the project. The key achievements under the project include 45 school buildings, four higher education buildings, one fire station, 87.88 km of drainage network, 33 storm—water drainage pumping stations and critical medical equipment and supplementations.

President Murmu Presents Rashtriya Bal Puraskar to Outstanding Young Achievers



The President said that now

adays children are tech-savvy. They are using technology for



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BANDIPORA: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Shakee uil Rehman Rather on Monday chaired a meeting of officers to review the winter preparedness in view of the weather advisory predicting snowfall in coming days aiming to gear up the administration and machinery to deal with any disruption/eventuality.

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The meeting was attended by ADDC Bandipora Mohd Ashraf Bhat, Executive Engineers of PHE, PDD, R&B, MED, PMGSV, and other officers from civil administration and police.

SDMs of Gurez and Sumbal alongwith concerned Tehsildars attended virtually through video conferencing.

The DC took a detailed review wither propared-

The DC took a detailed review of overall winter preparedness in the district including Power scenario, stock of essentials, health care facilities, availability of ration, fuel, LPG and other essentials, besides arrangements put in place for timely snow clearance across the district to ensure smooth movement of vehicles, ambulances etc in case of snowless. lances etc in case of snowfall as predicted by the Metrology Department.

At the outset, the DC stressed taking preventive and precau-tionary measures well in ad-vance so that routine function-

vance so that routine function ing at all essential installations, besides trade, transport, essen-tial supplies, and other routine works, are not affected. He stressed the officers on readying men and machinery to ensure timely refressal of weather vagaries and subse-quent disruptions of supply of water, electricity, and road clo-sure due to snowfall. He also stressed upon officers

He also stressed upon officers re and stressed upon officers to ensure a prompt response system to ensure hassle-free supply of essential services to the people and instructed that response time should be mini-mized while facing any emer-gency like situations.

The DC also took first hand appraisal of the preparations made with regard to clearance

made with regard to clearance of Snow.

The meeting was apprised that adequate number of Snow clearance machines have been kept ready by the MED, ULBs, R&B, PMGSY at different locations in all the subdivisions of the district while few machines are kept in standby mode at discassing the subdivisions of the district while few machines. are kept in standby mode at dis trict headquarter to meet any exigency during heavy snowfall.



their education, But technol-

ogy is often misused also.
"Many crimes like deep fake,
financial fraud, exploitation
of children are being committed through technology," she She stated that social media

She stated that social media is a powerful medium to express one's views and spread awareness among people on any issue, but it is also being misused in spreading rumors. She advised children to be allert and stay away from wrongdongs, as one wrong step can put their future in danger.

The President noted that the physical activities are decreasing in young generations. She

ing in young generations, She said that due to less physical activities many diseases which used to be very rare in chil-

dren and youth are increasing dren and youth are increasing today. She appealed to youth to learn at least one sport and participate in it. She said that they may not take up sports as a career, but sports keep them physically and mentally healthy. This develops team spirit in them.

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The President said that children and youth are the leaders of the future of our country. It is our duty to make them aware of Indian culture and life values along with providing them modern education. Referring to the consecration of the idol of Prabhu Shri Ram in Ayodhya, she said that on this cocasion, we should resolve to adopt ideals of Lord Ram and the life values described in Ramayana in our lives.

Drug Module Busted In Sopore, 3 Arrested, Vehicle Seized: Police

KO NEWS SERVICE

SOPORE: Three persons were arrested along with a huge consignment of drugs in north Kashmir's Sopore, police said on Monday

consignment of drugs in north Kashmir's Sopore, police said on Monday. Sub Divisional Police Officer Sopore, Dr Raies Ahmed Mir said that on 11 January, a naka was established at ruikway crossing, following which at ruck was interrupted. He said that during checking 5136 capsules of Spasmoproxion plus were recovered from a bag and during investigation the driver disclosed his identity as Rameez Wali Rather son of Wali Mohammed Rather of Kralgund Handwara. "During his further disclosure, it came to fore that he had given the consignment to Shahnawaz Ahmed Shah of Dangerpora Copore, Shah was arrested in a swift action by the police with 44 Spasmoproxivon plus capsules," he said. He added that upon questioning, he disclosed that he has given some quantity to Shabir Ahmed son of Abdul Rashid Mir of Kralgund Handwara, who was apprehended from Dangerpora village along with 792 Spasmoproxivon plus capsules. He further said that a case

gerpora village along with 1/92 Spasmoproxivon plus capsules. He further said that a case in this regard under IR num-ber 04/2024 under section 8/21/22/29 NDPS Act was reg-istered in Police Station Amar-grah and further investigations are going on are going on.
"We are intensifying efforts to combat drug-related crimes



with a comprehensive ap-proach, involving strict law en-forcement measures and com-munity engagement", he said. Meanwhile, two drug ped-

Meanwhile, two drug ped-dlers were arrested along with Spasmoproxivon plus tablets and Codeine Phosphate by PP Fruit Mandi, a police spokes-

person said, a ponce spoces-person said, on a specific in-put, a police party headed by I/C PP Fruit Mandi, Sub Inspector Bilal Rashid intercepted a Maru-ti Swift car bearing registration number JKO1AU-3G74 in which

number JR01AU-30-44 in White two persons were on board. During checking, the party managed to recover 112 cap-sules of Spasmo Proxyvon plus and 11 Bottles of Codeine Phos-phate from the car. Both the accused were arrested on the spot, he said.

spot, he said.
The duo were identified as
Umer Rashid Shalla son of Abdul Rashid Shalla and Adnan
Manzoor Antoo son of Manzoor
Ahmad Antoo-both the residents of Sidiq Colony Sopore.
Meanwhile, a case under FIR
number 18/2024 under section
8/21, 22, 29 of NDPS Act Station Sonore and further investigations.

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Man Charred To Death, 2 Houses Damaged In Fire In Pattan

PATTAN: A man was charred to death, while two residen-tial houses were damaged in a massive fire in Khambiyat vil-lage of Baramulla's Pattan late st night. An official told news agen-

cy-Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that fire broke out in

residential houses rt circuit in electric due to a short circuit in electric blanket in which a 26-year-old man was charred to death. He said that two houses were also damaged in the devastating fire, while police have taken cognisance of the matter. The deceased has been identi-

fied as Adil Ramzan Dar son of Mohammad Ramzan Dar—(KNO)

Illegal Hooking: KPDCL Conducts Over 30,000 Inspection In Two Months

SRINAGAR: In the past two

SRINACAR: In the past two months, Kashmir Power Distribution Corporation Limited (RPDCL) has carried out more than 30,000 inspection drives across Kashmir division to check hooking on bare conductor lines and use of crude appliances. Speaking to the news agency, Managing Director for KPDCL Mussarat Zas said, "In past two months, the distribution company has taken a proactive approach and we have done nearly 30,000 to 35,000 inspections and disconnections throughout the night." Zia said that the team of KPDCL has saved hundreds and thousands of units of dreds and thousands of units of

dreds and thousands of units of energy during the number of inspection drives.

Thousands of households in smart meter areas have stopped hooking because of the power theft videos we have put on social media wherein we showcase the particular household stealing the govern-

ment energy without showing their faces," he said,

their faces," he said.

The managing director said that the move is not meant to embarrass them but to create a positive approach among them. Zia further said that hooking is a mass society issue. "This is not being done in one particular area. Majority of the people who are on bare conductors are hooking and our team has reported

area. Myortly of the people who are on bare conductors are hooking and our team has reported that wherever the bare conductors are through the nearest distance of the household, multiple hooking is being done there." He said, "Those people who are on bare conductors and smart meters are the worst hooking areas."
"We have observed that many of our consumers with smart meters are either keeping their smart meters off or are putting it under the lowest possible load during the weehours. During the night time, they put hooks on the bare conductors to evade the consumed energy," Zia said.—(KNO)

RTI Pend Sheds Light On Solid Waste Management Strategies

KO NEWS SERVICE

SRINAGAR: In a bid to promote senvironmental awareness, the jammu and Kashmir Right to Information (RTI) Foundation hosted its 20th RTI Pend event, centering on "Solid Waste Management at Block Level." The event, conducted online, drew considerable attention and participation.

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Er, Irfan Banka, the host of RTI Pend at J&K RTI Foundation. RII Pend at J&K RII Foundation, opened the event by highlighting government initiatives and the importance of the Public-Physte Partnership (JPP) mode in solid waste management. The tendering process and Expression of Interests (EOIs) from various Ruzul Development Department offices were emphasized with a suggestion for providing complete support to the environment friendly organizations and civil societies.

Dr. Raja Muzaffar Bhat, Acumen and Climate Action Fellow, a distinguished resource person and guest speaker, provided valuable insights into the implementation of Solid Waste Management Rules, emphasizing source segregation. Dr. Bhat advocated redirecting funds from segregation sheds to Material Recording should be a segregation sheds to Material Recording should be a segregation sheds to Material Recording should be a segregation shed to Material Recording should be supposed to the should be supposed to th

Tennis Star Erin Mir Ranked 27th In The Country



SRINAGAR: Erin Mir, a talented SRINAGAR: Erin Mir, a talented 10-year-old from Srinagar, Jam-nu and Kashmir, is leaving an indelible mark in the world of tennis. Commencing her pro-fessional training in 2022, Erin in's unwavering commitment and tireless work ethic on the court have set her apart. On November 23, 2023 Erin Archiewed a significant mile-

achieved a significant mile-stone by securing her first-ever victory in the AITA Under-12

Despite starting as a new-omer in the AITA rankings, comer in the AITA rankings, her ascent to the 27th rank in the Under-12 category in the country within a short span of time, is an ample testimony to her perseverance and hard work.

Erin Mir's remarkable success not only reflects her dedication and progress but also underscores the sheer determination of this young player to excel in the sport.

Khelo India Winter Games: DC Takes Stock Of Arrangements

Observer News Service

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BARAMULLA: In preparation of the 4th edition of Khelo India National Winter Games at Gui-mag, the Deputy Commissioner Baramulla Minga Sherpa on Monday convened a meeting of concerned officers at Golf Club Gulmarg to take stock of various arrangements put in place for holding the games.

During the meeting, the Dc conducted a thorough review of arrangements related to the successful conduct of the National Winter Carnes. He issued directives to the concerned departments, urging them to adopt a cohesive approach to ensure the

cohesive approach to ensure the event's resounding success.

Emphasizing on comprehen-sive planning, the DC under-

scored the importance of mak-ing all essential arrangements, such as health provisions, ac-commodation, sanitation, traffic regulation, lodging and other facilities well in advance with a focus on seamless execution. The meeting was attended by Chief Executive Officer Gul-phary. Development Author

by Chief Executive Officer Gul-narg Development Author-ity, Sub Divisional Magistrate Gulmarg, Syed Altaf, Assistant Regional Transport Officer, Muazzam Ali, District Youth Service and Sports Officer, offi-cials from JBO, R&B, KPDC-Li and other concerned departments. Later, the DC met hoteliers of Gulmarg and urged them to ensure the availability of accom-modations for athletes, specta-tors, and guests visiting the place

tors, and guests visiting the place during the sporting events.

Abdul Samad Steers J&K To 1st 2024 Ranji Win

CUTTACK: Abdul Samad helped Jammu & Kashmir overcome a tricky chase with

overcome a tricky chase with an unbeaten 66, steering his team to a two-wicket win over Odisha in Ranji Trophy here on Monday. It was the first win of the season for J&K after shar-ing points with Delhi and Himachal in their two home games marred by bad light in Elite Group L

Elite Group D. Resuming at 72 for four, J&K needed another 77 runs for



the win and they somehow managed to cross the line. IPL regular Samad stood like a rock as wickets kept

falling at the other end. His knock comprised seven fours and two sizes. Samad remained unbeaten alongside India pacer Umran Malik when the winning runs were scored.

J&K had taken the first innresplead by making 180 in response to Odisha's 130 on the opening day.

Brief scores: Odisha 130 da 189 ky Jammu & Kashmir

Brief scores; Odisha 130 and 198 vs Jammu & Kashmir 180 and 149/8 in 23.2 overs (Abdul Samad 66 not out; Rajesh Mohanty 5/61). J&K beat Odisha by two wickets.

Virat Kohli Withdraws From First 2 Tests **Against England**



Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: India's bat-ting mainstay Virat Kohli has pulled out of the first two Tests against England due to per-sonal reasons, the BCCI said on Monday.

The BCCI urged the fans and The BCCI urged the lans and media to refrain from specu-lating about the reason for his forced break. The five-match series begins in Hyderabad on January 25. "Virat Kohli has requested the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to be withdrawn from the first two Tests of the upcoming IDFC First Bank Test series against England, citting personal reasons," BCCI secretarylay Shah said in a statement. The BCCI also said that Kohli had discussed with skipper Rohit Sharma and team management about his decision to pull out. The BCCI will announce the replacement soon.

4 Kashmiris In Indian Physically **Disabled Squad For England Series**



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Four cricketers SRINAGAR: Four cricketers from Kashmir Valley were on Sunday named in the Indian Physically Disabled Men's Team for the five-match T20 series against England. The series will be played in

captain of the national team.

The five-match tourney is being organized by the Differently Abled Cricket Council of India (DCCI) and supported by BCCI. The final game of the series will be played at Narendra Modi Stadium in Ahmedabad. Ahmedabad, Gujarat between January 28 and February 6. Wasim Iqbal (batsman), Jaffer Amin Bhat (batsman), Majid Ahmad Magray (off-spinner) and Aamir Hasan (fast bowler) were named to the 16-member squad. Wasim has also been named the vice

SKY Named Captain Of ICC Men's T20I Team Of The Year

Press Trust of India

DUBAI: Flamboyant middle-order batter Suryakumar Yadav has been named the captain of the ICC men's T201 Team of the Year, which also includes three more Indians in opener Yashasvi Jaiswal, spinner Ravi Bishnoi and Ieft-arm pacer Ar-shdeen Singh

Bishnoi and left-arm pacer Ar-shdeep Singh.

The right-handed stroke-maker from Mumbai had a solid 2023.

His first innings of just sev-en to start the year against Sri Lanka was a mere speed bump in another prolific year, as he made scores of 51 (36) and III not out (51) in the next two matches. matches.
Consistent scoring in 20s to
40s continued, before an in-

nings of 83 (44) against the West

nings of 83 (44) against the West Indies in Providence proved his class. He ended the series against the West Indies with a knock of 61 (45) in Florida.

He made half-centuries against Australia (80 off 42 balls) hedroe posting a 100 against the Proteas off just 56 balls in their final 7201 of the year in Johannesburg.

Besides the Indian quartet, the 11-member team also has engainst partner, West Indies' Nicholas Pooran as wicket-keeper, Mark Chapman of New Zealand, Zimbabwe's Sikandar Raza, Uganda ali-rounder Alpesh Ramjani, Ireland's Mark Alpesh Ramjani, Ireland's Mark Adair and Richard Ngarava of Zimbabwe.

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