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J&K One Of The Fastest Growing Regions In India Now: LG

Says Biggest Challenge Today Is Drug Abuse Among The Youth

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Jammu: Lieutenant Governor
Manoj Sinha on Friday expressed the government's
commitment to stamp out
terrorism and its ecosystem
and said Jammu and Kashmir
has become one of the fastestgrowing regions in the courrent year and surprassing the
attentional average.

Sinha said that it has given
a befitting reply to the enemies of humanity and sponsors of terrorism in Jammu
and Kashmir by showcasing
to the world the region's economic strength, business potential, cultural richness and
tourism opportunities.

"The efforts are going on
tre fifnal assault on ter-

tourism opportunities.
"The efforts are going on for the final assault on ter-rorism, its ecosystem and



modern and scientific facili-ties and response," the LG said while addressing the Republic Day function here. Sinha paid homage to po-lice, army and paramilitary

personnel who laid down their lives for the security of the nation.

"While remembering their sacrifices, we reiterate our commitment to stamp out terrorism and its ecosystem from the soil of Jammu and Kashmir. I congratulate the police forces who have bagged 113 gallantry medals highest among other forces. The police's fight against terrorism is exemplary, he said. Sinha said Jammu & Kashmir was fully committed to the resettlement and welfare of minority communities.

fare of minority communities and Kashmiri Pandit families. and Assimin Pandi Samiles.

"Last year, new housing infrastructure with all essential facilities was inaugurated
for PM Package employees
in Baramulla, Bandipora,
Ganderbal, and Shopian,"
he said, adding, "During the

current fiscal year, construction of a total of 3,000 houses will be completed."

All pending promotions have been approved, and promotions from non-gazetted to agazetted categories have been approved in the shortest possible time, as a first, he said. "I assure you all that we are making every effort towards ensuring that every citizen lives a life of prosperity in a dignified and honorable manner".

In Kashmir Valley, he said, all PM Package and minority community employees have been stationed at secure locations. "Nodal officers have been appointed in every district and Raj Bhavan to address their security and other issues."

After a long wait of decades, he said, refugees from West Pakistan | More on P6

ICJ Orders Israel to Prevent Genocide in Gaza Netanyahu Unfazed

Gaza: The World Court ordered

Gaza: Ine wornst court routers brail on Friday to prevent acts of genocide against the Palestinians and do more to help civilians, although it stopped short of ordering a ceasefire as requested by South Africa.

While the ruling denied Palestinian hopes of a binding order to halt the war in Gaza, it also represented a legal setback for Israel, which had hoped to throw out a case brought under the genocide convention established in the ashes of the Holocaust.

The court found that Palestinians were protected under the convention, and that there was a case to be heard about whether their rights were being denied in a war that the court said was causing grievous humanitarian harm. It also called for Palestinian armed groups to release hostages captured in the Oct. 7 attacks that precipitated the conflict.
Palestinian Foreign Ministry said it was a welcome reminder "no state is above the law". Sami Abu Zuhri, a senior Hamas official told Reuters the decision would contribute to "isolating the occupation and exposing its strines in Gaza."

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu said that the court had | More on P6

31.830 **Appointments Made Post** August 2019: LG After Union Home Minister Amit Shah virtually launched E-Bus Services for Jammu Smart City on Thursday, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, in his address, expressed gratitude to the Union Minister for prioritising the development of Jammu and Kashmir. During the event, the Lieutenant Governor emphasised the UT Administration's initiatives for socio-economic empowerment, especially among the youth of Jammu and Kashmir. "The entrepreneurship and self-employment opportunities provided to 94,680 youth in a single day on 24th January has scripted a golden chapter in the history of JK," he said. Furthermore, LG Sinha said that since August 2019, 31,83 poploritments have been made, with recruitments for 12,264 posts currently underway. Today, 885 compassionate appointment | More on P6

A Whimsical Return!

While Plains Shiver, Snow **Graces Higher Reaches**

Srinagar: Light rain and snow Smagar: Light rain and snow lashed a few higher reaches including Gulmarag on Friday. The weatherman has forecast more precipitation in coming days to end an extended dry spell in Jammu and Kashmir. Reports said that snow-fall has been reported from

fall has been reported from Gulmarg, parts of Kupwara,

and Kangan in Ganderbal.
Srinagar had traces of rain
early in the morning.
"As expected, light rain/
snow occurred at a few
higher reaches," a meteorological department official
here told GNS.
He said partly to generally
cloudy weather with light
rain and snow at isolated
higher | More on P6



Mughal Road, Srinagar-Kargil **Highway Closed**

ughal Road and the Srinagar-Kargil road have been closed for traffic due to snow accumulation along the stretch. Quoting an official, a local agency reported that the closure is a precautionary measure for passenger safety while road | More on P6



1000's Join Republic Day Functions In Srinagar, Jammu

Agencies

Srinagar: The 75th Republic Day celebrations passed off peacefully across Jammu and Kashmir while the authorities stated that the authorities stated that the main venues witnessed the participation of more than 40,000 people, Large queues of people were seen outside the main venues of the Republic day function in Srinagar as well as in Jammy

government had invited the people to attend the R-Day functions in Jammu & Kashmir while there was no special invitation or pass for anyone to participate in the events.

The main function in Srinagar was held at Bakshi Stadium here where the Advisor to Lt Governor, R R Bhatmagar took salute at the March Past where he unfurled the National flag. the National flag Officials said that nearly

25,000 to 30,000 people have participated in the main function at Bakshi Stadium.

Stadium. Notably, the Republic Day marks the adoption of Indias constitution and the country's transition to a Republic on January 26, 1950. In Srinagar, the commercial hub Lal Chowk witnessed enthusiasm as for the first time, the Republic Day event was hosted a live telecast of the celebrations.

A large number of peo-ple including the locals as well as the tourists were seen witnessing the cele-brations live on the large screen near the newly re-designed Clock Tower. Furthermore, in a first of its kind, the roottops of 120 shikaras in Dal Lake were decorated in the co-lours of the National Flag. Deputy Commissioner (DC), Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohinddin said that the rooftops of | More on P6

ICF To Roll Out Vande Bharat Train for J&K Soon

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Scrinagar: The Integral Coach Factory (ICF) the largest rail-way passenger coach maker in the world, will soon roll out Vande Bharat Express rake for Jammu and Kashmir.

Addressing the employees after unfurling the Tricolo on the 75th Republic Day BG Mallya. General Manager was quoted by IANS as saying. "ICF has two important projects in hand. The first one is the Vande Metro project which will be a fully air-conditioned inter-city train

service, ICF is planning to roll out the prototype of Vande Metro by March this year."

The next project is the Vande Bharat Express rake for Jammu and Kashmir, with suitable modifications to suit the challenging climatic conditions that prevail therein. We hope to turn out this rake shortly, "Mallya said.

According to him, last year ICF turned the 50th Vande Bharat rakes a big achievement, despite various challenges on the supply front. "The Amrit Bharat pushpull | More on P6



THE AMRIT BHARAT PUSH-PULL TRAIN WAS ALSO TURNED OUT LAST

TRAIN WAS ALSO TURNED OUT LAS I OCTOBER in collaboration with CLW (Chittaranjan Locomotive Works) which is a boon to the common man and provides with a travel experience much better than what he has today.

For Existing as 'Not for Profit' Company

KCCI Directed To Furnish License Copy Jammu & Kashmir-190001

Srinagar: The Registrar of Companies (RoC) J&K has di-rected the Kashmir Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KCCI) to furnish a copy of the licence to function as a "Not for Profit" company.

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As per a local news agency, KCCI was ordered to submit a copy of the licence by the Roc J&K as required under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956 after the same licence was not found in the records.

"The Kashmir Chamber of Commerce & Industry was incorporated in 1937 as a "Not-for-Profit License Company" under the jurisdiction of this office having its registered office situated

its registered office situated at Residency Road, Srinagar,

Jammu & Kashmir-190001, India. The company needs to get a license under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956 issued by the Competent Authority viz Regional Director (Northern Region), Ministry of Corporate Affairs," reads an official communique issued to the MCCI. eads an official communique sued to the KCCI, "It is further observed

by this office from the daby this office from the da-tabase of the company that License No.J. copy of the license is not available in the "D" Filely-record of the company," it added. Therefore, the Chamber is directed to furnish the licence copy within a week without fail, the communi-que concluded.





Kashmir Woodcarver's Arduous Journey From Penury To Padma Recognition

Srinagar: Ghulam Nabi Dar, a 72-year-old master craftsman from Srinagar honoured with the Padma Shri for his contribution to wood carving, feels government recognition and support are very important in preserving traditional arts.

His unwavering dedication to his craft for over six decades has earned him numerous accolades, culminating in this national recognition announced on the eve of the country's 75th Republic Day.

Many feel the award to Dar will serve as a catalyst for the revival of the craft steeped in the history of Kashmir and a Srinagar: Ghulam Nabi Dar, a 72-year-old

testament to the resilience of traditions that have withstood the test of time.

In an interview to PTI video Friday, Dar spoke about his arduous journey.

Born into adversity, Dar was introduced to awood carring unit 31 a young age. Despite

Born into adversity, Dar was introduced to a wood carving unit at a young age. Despite initial rejections from craftsmen unwilling to teach the trade, his perseverance eventually led him to a mentor Nooruddin Tikoo, who imparted his knowledge through intricate designs on paper.

"I was 10 years old when my father suffered losses in his business and was broke. As he could not pay the fees, I was expelled from school. My maternal uncle took me and my younger brother to | More on P6

J&K Govt Announces Awards For 36 People

hirty-six people, including para archer and Arjuna Awardee Sheetal Devi, were selected for government awards in Jammu and Kashmir on the eve of Republic Day. Late Head Constable Abdul Majeed has been awarded posthumously in the category of award for achievements in the field of bravery that carries a cash prize of Rs 1 lakh and a citation to the awardee, according to

an order issued by the General Administration Department (GAD) an order issued by the General Administration Department (GAD) Commissioner-Secretary Sanjeev Verma. The government also conferred the award to Dogri writers Mohan Singh, Inderjeet Kesar, Gojri writer Mansha Khaki and broadcaster and writer Brij Nath Pandit Betab in the category of achievements in the field of iterature. For their contribution to performing arts, film and | More on P6

Novel Artificial Intelligence Model Accurately Predicts Cancer Outcomes From Tissue Samples

esearchers have developed an artificial intelligence model that accurately predicts outcomes for cancer patients from tissue samples, marking a significant advancement in using AI for likely course of the disease and personalised treatment strategies,

The innovative described in the journal Nature Communications, analyses the spatial arrangement of cells in tissue samples.

Cell spatial organisation is like a complex jigsaw puzzle where each cell serves as a unique piece, fitting together meticulously to form a cohesive tissue or organ structure, the researchers said.

"The study showcases the remarkable ability of AI to grasp these intricate spatial relation-ships among cells within tissues, extracting subtle information previously beyond human comprehension while predicting patient outcomes," said study leader Guanghua Xiao, a professor at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center in the US.

Tissue samples are routinely collected from patients and placed on slides for interpretation by pathologists, who analyse them to make diagnoses.

However, this process is timeconsuming, and interpretations can vary among pathologists, the researchers said.

In addition, the human brain can miss subtle features present in pathology images that might provide important clues to a patient's



condition, they said.

Various Al models built in the past several years can perform some aspects of a pathologist's job, for example, identifying cell types or using cell proximity as a proxy for interactions between cells.

However, these models don't successfully recapitulate more complex aspects of how pathologists interpret tissue images, such as discerning patterns in cell spatial organisation and excluding extraneous "noise" in images that can muddle interpretations.

The new Al model, named Ceograph, mimics how pathologists read tissue slides, starting with detecting cells in images and their positions.

From there, it identifies cell types as well as their morphology and spatial distribution, creating a map in which the arrangement, distribution, and interactions of cells can be analysed.

The researchers successfully applied this tool to three clinical scenarios using pathology slides.

In one, they used Ceograph to distinguish between two subtypes of lung cancer, adenocarcinoma or squamous cell carcinoma.

In another, they predicted the likelihood of potentially malig-nant oral disorders-precancerous lesions of the mouth-progressing

In the third, the team identified which lung cancer patients were most likely to respond to a class of medications called epidermal growth factor receptor inhibitors.

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In each scenario, the Ceograph model significantly outperformed traditional methods in predicting patient outcomes.

Importantly, the cell spatial organisation features identified by Ceograph are interpretable and lead to biological insights into how individual cell-cell spatial interaction change could produce diverse functional consequences, Xiao said.

These findings highlight a growing role for AI in medical care, he added, offering a way to improve the efficiency and accuracy of pathology analyses.

This method has the potential to streamline targeted preventive measures for high-risk populations and optimise treatment selection for individual patients. Xiao added.

Subject: Grant of Registration of Guest House/Home Stay under the name and style "Qaraar at Preng" situated at Preng

Public Notice

I Mr/Ms Mujtaba Dildar Mir S/O Dildar Ahmad Mir and Taliya Afrose W/O Dildar Ahmad Mir R/o Rawalpora Srinagar at present Preng Kangan Kashmir intend to apply in the office of the prescribed authority of Directorate of Tourism of Kashmir for registration of my proposed Guest House / Home Stay under the name and style " Qaraar at Preng" situated at Preng Kangan Kashmir under the Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/20011-12

Whereas, I will submit Landownership Certificate from Concerned Tehsildar with attested photographs of the unit through Dy. Commissioner concerned, Rent/Lease Deed/ Partnership Deed/issued by concerned Sub-Registrar, Judicial Magistrate (if applicable NOC from the owner to the effect that the property can be used as Home stay), Character Certificate of the applicant from the concerned Police Station, undertaking from the owner as self declaration, Public Notice inviting objections, if any in print media, list of family members Name. Age, and Photograph self attested by owner, Photographs of the unit as mentioned in the application (each of exterior and individual bed rooms and bathrooms), Inspection report by the Committee (The recommendation of the inspection Committee shall decide whether to issue a registration to the unit or not keeping in view, the type of accommodation and amenity, adhar card.

Now before my case is processed for registration by the Prescribed Authority. The matter is hereby notified for information of general Pubic/organizations for objections if any and the same should reach to the office of Prescribed Authority within a period of 7 days from the publication of this notice in leading local newspaper of the valley. Objection received beyond the period of 7 days from the date of publication shall not be entertained and the case shall be proceeded under rules as per merit.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is notified for all the concerned that my name in Aadhar Card has been inadvertantly mentioned as Zahida Javid insted of Nighat Jan. Now I want to change my name from Zahida Javid to Nighat Jan as per school records. if anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the concered office within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Nighat Jan

D/o Lt. Mohd Shaban Wani W/o Javid Igbal Malik R/o Chandapora Habbakadal Srinagar

First ever execution using nitrogen gas, puts US at front of death penalty debate

man who was paid \$1,000 to kill an Alabama woman A more than 30 years ago was put to death with pure nitrogen gas, a firstof-its-kind execution that again placed the US at the forefront of the debate over capital punishment. Kenneth Eugene

Smith, 58, appeared to shake and convulse at the start before being pronounced dead at 8:25 p.m. Thursday at an Alabama prison after breathing the gas through a face mask to cause oxygen deprivation. It marked the first time

a new execution method was used in the United States since 1982, when lethal injection was introduced and later became the most common method.

Smith appeared conscious for several minutes into the procedure. For at least two minutes, Smith made seizure-like movements on the gurney that sometimes had him pulling against the restraints. That was followed by several minutes of labored breathing. He was pronounced dead after 22 minutes.

In a final statement, Smith said: Tonight Alabama causes humanity to take a step backwards. ... I'm leaving with love, peace and light. He made the I love you sign with his hands toward family members who were witnesses. Thank you for supporting me. Love, all of you, Smith said.

Alabama Gov. Kay Ivey said the execution was justice for the murder-for-hire killing of 45-year-old Elizabeth Sennett in 1988.

After more than 30 years and attempt after attempt to game the system, Mr. Smith has answered for his horrendous crimes. ... I pray that Elizabeth Sennett's family can receive closure after all these years dealing with that great loss, Ivey said in a statement.

The state had previously attempted to execute Smith in 2022, but the lethal injection was called off at the last minute because authorities couldn't connect an IV line.

The state had maintained the new execution method would be humane, but critics called it cruel and experimental. Those disagreements continued after



Smith was put to death.

Mike Sennett, the vic-tim's son, noted Thursday night that Smith had been incarcerated almost twice as long as I knew my mom.

Nothing happened here today is going to bring Mom back. It's kind of a bittersweet day. We are not going to be jumping around, whooping and holler Hooray' and all that. ... I'll end by saving Elizabeth Dorlene Sennett got her justice tonight, he said.

Asked about Smith's shaking and convulsing on the gurney, Alabama corrections Commissioner John Q. Hamm, who watched the execution, said they appeared to be involuntary movements and the type of breathing that comes with not getting enough oxygen.

That was all expected and was in the side effects that we've seen or researched on nitrogen hypoxia, Hamm said. Nothing was out of the ordinary from what we were expecting. He said he thought Smith night have been holding his breath at the start of the execution.

However, Smith's spiritual adviser, the Rev. Jeff Hood, said the execution did not match the state attorney general's prediction in court filings that Smith would lose consciousness in seconds followed by death within minutes.

We didn't see somebody go unconscious in 30 seconds. What we saw was minutes of someone struggling for their life, said Hood. who attended the execution. I stood there and cried as I saw someone get suffocated to death, he added.

The execution came after a last-minute legal battle in which Smith's attorneys contended the state was making him the test subject for an experimental execution method that could violate the constitutional

ban on cruel and unusual punishment. Federal courts rejected Smith's bid to block it, with the latest ruling coming Thursday night from the US Supreme Court.

Justice Sonia Sotomayor, who along with two other liberal justices dissented, wrote: Having failed to kill Smith on its first attempt, Alabama has selected him as its guinea pig' to test a method of execution never attempted before. The world is watching.

The majority justices did not issue any statements.

State Attorney General Steve Marshall said late Thursday that nitrogen gas was intended to be and has now proved to be an effective and humane method of execution.

Some doctors and organisations had expressed alarm about the method. and Smith's attorneys asked the Supreme Court to halt the execution to review claims that it violates the constitutional ban on cruel and unusual punishment and deserved more legal scrutiny before it was used on a person.

There is little research regarding death by nitrogen hypoxia. When the State is considering using a novel form of execution that has never been attempted anywhere, the public has an interest in ensuring the State has researched the method adequately and established procedures to minimize the pain and suffering of the condemned person, Smith's attorneys wrote.

In her dissent, Sotomayor said Alabama has shrouded its execution protocol in secrecy, releasing only a heavily redacted version. She also said Smith should have been allowed to obtain evidence about the protocol and to proceed with his legal challenge.

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

Jammu And Kashmir Services Selection Board

CPO Chowk, Panjithirti, Jammu/Zam zam Complex, Rambagh, Srinagar (www.jkssb.nic.in)

Final Selection List for the post of Chemist, Divisional Cadre, Jammu, advertised vide Notification No. 04 of 2020 dated 16.12.2020, under

> Notification No. 09-Selection of 2024 24th of January, 2024

Whereas, the Finance Department, vide Indent No. FD/Coord/08/2020 dated 20.11.2020, forwarded the requisition for making direct recruitment for 01 post of Chemist,

Whereas, the requisite qualification for selection against the post, as per the Indent, is "Graduation & Diploma in Industrial Fermentation & Alcohol Technology from recognized Institute."

Whereas, the Jammu and Kashmir Services Selection Board (JKSSB), advertised the aforesaid post of Chemist, FD, vide Notification No. 04 of 2020 dated 16.12.2020, under Item No. 125, for seeking applications from the eligible candidates; and

Whereas, the OMR based written Examination for the post was held on 24.12.2023 and, accordingly the Result/Score-sheet of the candidates was notified vide No. JKSSB/COE0EXAM(UT)/99/2023-03(7361997) dated 29.12.2023. The schedule of the Documents Verification (DV) of the candidates, falling under the consideration zone, was notified vide No. JKSSB/COE0EXAM(UT)/99/2023-03 (7361997) dated 29.12.2023, followed by Supplementary Document Verification (DV) vide No. JKSSB-COE0EXAM(UT)/99/2023-03 (CC-7361997) dated 01.01.2024; and

Whereas, vide Office Order No. 03-SSB of 2024, the Board constituted a Selection Committee for preparing the Selection for the aforesaid post. The Selection Committee so constituted, accordingly, prepared the Provisional Selection List in accordance with the merit/eligibility of the candidates and as per the extant rules, which was approved by the Board at its 253rd meeting held on 05.01.2024 and subsequently, notified vide No. JKSSB-SDOSECY(JMU)/5/2024-03(E-7381493) dated 10.01.2024, seeking objections from the candidates; and

Whereas, the Board in its 256th Meeting, held on 23.01.2024, deliberated and approved the proposal for notifying the Final Selection List for the aforementioned post of Chemist, Finance Department.

Now, therefore, after taking into consideration all the aforementioned factors, the Final Selection List for one (1) post of Chemist, Finance Department, Divisional Cadre, Jammu, advertised vide Notification No. 04 of 2020 dated 16.12.2020, under Item No. 125, is hereby notified as per Annexure-A to this notification. It is further notified that:

- (1) The above Final Selection List shall be subject to outcome of the OAs/Writ Petition(s), if any, pending adjudication before any Competent Court of law.
- (2) The List shall also be subject to the outcome of such enquiry, involving any candidate(s), as figuring in this List.
- (3) The formal recommendations to the concerned Indenting Department shall be forwarded separately.
- (4) The Selection of the candidate has been made on the basis of his Selfdeclaration/Certificates submitted by him and if at any stage, it comes to the light that he has submitted false information or has secured selection on the basis of fake documents/certificates, the selection shall be liable to cancellation at any stage.

By Order.

JKSSB-SD0SECY(JMU)/5/2024-03(E-7381493)

Dated: 24.01.2024

DIPK-15628/23 dated: 25-01-2024

از نیابت دائلوکرله پوره بااجلاس نائب تحصیلدارا گیزیکٹومجسٹریٹ درجهاول معمد شارعیال جمدشاہ مضمون کاغذات درخوات منجانب عرفان احمد شاه ولدعبدل ممیدشاه ساکنه محمود اوره تحصل کنزر بمرادعطایگی RBAسر نفیکیٹ تحت SRO 294 اشتہار بمرادآگائی ہرخاص وعام معامله مندجه عنوان الصدر مين درخواست ساكل وفتر بذامين زيركاروني ب اس سلسلے مین پڑواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ بشمولدر یکارڈ طلب کیا گیاہے جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سے اللہ کا کلہ اوراس کا والد گزشتہ پندرہ سال سے دہ ہذا میں رہایش یزیے اور بھی بھی ترک سکونت نہیں کی ہے سائل کی مہوارہ آمدنی 16000روپے جلائی گئے ہے کمبد بذیل افرد پر شمل ہے عبدل حميد شاه ولدغلام محمد شاه 50 سال ں۔ اس کےعلاوہ کوئی افراد کہ نہیں ہے سرگفیکیٹ اجرا کرنے میں اگر کمی شخص كوكئ عذريااعتراض موتووه ايناعذريااعتراض ساتهه يوم اندردفتر بذامين يبش كرے معياد گرنے بعد كوئى بھى عذريا اعتراض قابل قبول نہيں ہوگا

عنوان درخوات منجانب بالال احمرتور بدار مجدايوب توريساك ووكالمخصيل شوپيان نسبت اجرائى پيدائتى سرنفكيك اشتہار بمرادآگاہی ہرخاص وعام معاملہ مندجہ عنوان الصدر میں سائل نے درخواست بمراد حصول پیدائش سر الفکیف دی ہوئی ہے بروے D.O.B certificate سائل کے اولادان ساجدا حمر ورے DOB: 05-11-2003 اورعائش بلال DOB: 04-06-2007 كويدا موت ب- اس بارے میں سائل نے پڑوری حلقہ سے بھی رپورٹ طلب کیا گیا ہے۔ سر فلکیٹ اجرا کرنے میں اگر کسی مخض کو کئی عذریااعتراض ہوتو وہ اپناعذریااعتراض سات یو م اندر دفتر ہذامیں پیش کرے معیاد گرنے بعد کوئی بھی عذریااعتراض قابل قبول

ازنيابت سركل شوييان عنوان ورخوات منجانب محد شفيع خان ولدمحم عالم خان ساكه شاداب كريوا تخصيل شوبيان نسبت اجرائى فوتكى سر تفكيك اشتہار بمرادآگائی برخاص وعام معاملہ مندجہ عنوان الصدر میں سائل نے درخواست بمرادحصول فوتگی سر تفکیف دی ہوئی ہے سائل کاوالد محمالم خان ساکنہ شاداب کر ہوا مورخ61996-04-14 كوفوت موكيا ب- ال بارك مين سائل في پٹوری حلقہ سے بھی رپورٹ طلب کیا گیاہے۔ سرٹفیکیٹ اجرا کرنے میں اگر کسی فخص كو كئ عذريا عتراض موتووه ا پناعذريا اعتراض سات يوم اندر دفتر بذايس پیش کرے معیاد گرنے بعد کوئی بھی عذریااعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا

Justice Sreedharan Hoists Tricolor At HC Wing Of Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The 75th Republic Day was today celebrated in the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, Srinagar Wing with immense enthusiasm and full patriotic zeal & fervor.

The event commenced with the unfurling of the National Flag by Justice Atul Sreedharan, Judge, High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh, who took salute at the March Past followed by the playing of the National Anthem/patriotic tunes by the Band.

The event was also graced by the presence of Justice Sanjay Dhar, Judge, High Court of J&K and Ladakh.

Besides, Mohammad Yousuf Wani, Member, J&K Special Tribunal, Srinagar; Jawad Ahmad, Principal District & Sessions Judge, Srinagar; Farooq Ahmad Bhat, Registrar Judicial Srinagar Wing, officers of police and administration, Senior Additional Advocate Generals and other law officers as well as the officers/ officials of the Srinagar Wing of the Hon'ble High Court, also attended the event.

Meanwhile, Mohammad Yousuf Wani, District & Sessions Judge, Member (Judicial) of the Tribunal at Srinagar, who was also chief guest hoisted and unfurled the National Flag within the premises of the Tribunal at Srinagar.

The function was attended to by the officers, officials and the CRPF personnel of B-28 BN.

The chief guest while speaking on the occasion highlighted the importance of the day. He spoke that it was on this Day in 1950 that our Country India became a Republic and adopted its own Constitution guaranteeing democracy, fundamental rights and directive principles of State Policy.



Srinagar: The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri Friday unfurled the National Flag and took the salute from CRPF contingent at the office premises today to celebrate 75th Republic Day, here. The unfurling of tricolor was followed by the National Anthem.

Meanwhile, the Div Com extended Republic Day greetings to the officers of Divisional Administration and security who were present on the occasion.

Among others present on the occasion were Deputy Commissioner Srinagar Dr Bilal Mohid ud Din, Additional Commissioner Kashmir, ADDC Srinagar, ACR Central, ACR Srinagar, staff of Divisional Commissioner's Office besides, security officials were also present on the occasion.

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Republic-Day Live Screening At Lal Chowk Inspires Patriotism

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Republic Day Celebrations in 2024 soared to unprecedented heights as the iconic Clock Tower at Lal Chowk in Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, played host to a spectacular live telecast of the momentous event.

This groundbreaking move not only showcased unity, diversity, and resilience but also garnered an overwhelming response from the enthusiastic crowd.

The live telecast from the historic Lal Chowk Clock Tower was a dazzling display of India's rich cultural heritage, capturing the essence of the Republic Day celebrations in all its glory. The event drew a massive gathering, comprising both locals and tourists, who

wholeheartedly welcomed this bold initiative by the government.

The atmosphere was charged with patriotic fervor as the audience revealed in the live telecast, symbolizing a collective sense of pride and unity.

The decision to project the Republic Day celebrations on a large screen at Lal Chowk resonated deeply with the general public. It became a powerful symbol of inclusivity and diversity, evoking positive reactions from the onlookers who appreciated the government's commitment to fostering national unity.

Lal Chowk's selection as the venue for this grand spectacle underscored the government's dedication to inclusivity. The positive reaction from the people served as a reaffirmation of the nation's col-

lective spirit and a celebration of its diverse cultural mosaic.

"In the radiant glow of Lal Chowk, where history and unity converge, witnessing the live Republic Day telecast was an unforgettable moment", says Rayees Shah, a local resident. "Lal Chowk is now more than a landmark of peaceful Kashmir, it's a testament to our shared history, and today," he added.

The live telecast from Lal Chowk during the Republic Day celebrations in 2024 not only showcased the nation's grandeur but also triggered a wave of positive sentiments among the people. It became a historic moment that not only strengthened national bonds but also fostered a sense of optimism, pride, and unity among the citizens.

SMC Celebrates 75th Republic Day

Observer News Service

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Impaired Assets Recovery Branch

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Corporate Headquarters

Srinagar: Today, the Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) celebrated the 75th Republic Day with great Patriotism and Enthusiasm at its Central office in Karan Nagar, Srinagar. The ceremony was marked by the Unfurling of the National Flag by the Commissioner SMC/CEO, SSCL, Dr. Owais Ahmed (IAS), amidst a gathering of Distinguished Guests, Officials, Community Leaders, Senior Citizens and Youth

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The event commenced with

the arrival of the Worthy Commissioner SMC and other Notable Dignitaries, followed by the rendition of the National Anthem, which echoed through the premises, evoking a sense of Pride and Unity among all present. The atmosphere was imbued with the spirit of patriotism and reverence for the historic occasion.

Dr. Owais Ahmed (IAS) extended warm greetings to all attendees for 75th Republic Day Celebrations, highlighting the rich legacy of India's Democratic Values and the importance of upholding the Country's Unity in diver-

sity. He underscored the pivotal role of SMC in delivering Citizen Centric Services among the residents of Srinagar City.

The flag hoisting ceremony, a poignant symbol of National Pride & Sovereignty, was conducted with meticulous precision, symbolizing the unwavering commitment to the ideals enshrined in the Indian Constitution. As the tricolor unfurled majestically against the azure sky, it elicited a surge of emotions, signifying the collective aspirations of the people and the relentless pursuit of progress and prosperity.



Dated: 25.01.2024

Place:Wagoora

The Jammu & Kashmir Bank Ltd.

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'e-AUCTION NOTICE'

[Rule 8 to 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules)]
The undersigned in exercise of powers conferred under Section 13(4) of the SARFAESI Act read with Rule 8 to 9 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 notify the Sale of the secured assets detailed herein-below for realization of dues of the Bank on "as is where is", "as is what is", "whatsoever there is" and "no complaint" basis.

Description of the mortgaged properties (Put on sale)	Lease hold rights of land measuring 10 kanals leased out by SIDCO situated at IGC Lassipora Pulwama, Kashmir along with civil works – RCC columns, walling.
Name of the Borrower Firm.	M/s Say Infra and Storage Pvt Ltd. 1. Mr. Mohammad Yaseen Mir, Director. 2. Mr. Mohammad Hanif Mir, Director.
Reserve Price	Rs.129.00 Lakh (Rupees one hundred twenty nine lakh).
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD)	10% of reserve/bid amount. (Rs.12.90 Lakh).
Bid Increase Amount	Rs.1.00 Lakh.
Name of the Branch	Impaired Assets Recovery Branch, J&K Bank, Corporate Headquarters, M.A.Road, Srinagar (J&K).
Last Date & Time of submission of Bid	12.02.2024 (4PM)
Date and Time of e- Auction	13.02.2024 (3PM to 4PM)
Earnest Money Deposit (EMD) & Other Remittance/s details by RTGS to Account Number	THE JAMMU AND KASHMIR BANK LIMITED Business Unit: Impaired Assets Recovery Branch, IFSC CODE: JAKA0IMPIRD Account no.0490070700000003 in the name of 'Sundry Pointing IMPIRD'.

The interested bidders shall submit their offer along with EMD details through website https://sarfaesi.auctiontiger.net and can obtain user ID and password free of cost by registering on the website. The detailed notice containing all the terms and conditions are available at Bank's website https://www.jkbank.com/pdfs/eauction. For any query related to the said auction, the interested bidders may contact Branch Manager, Impaired Assets Recovery Branch on cell no 8826117693

The Borrower's/Guarantor's/Mortgagor's attention is invited to the provisions of sub-Section (8) of Section 13 of the SARFAESI Act, in respect of the time available to redeem the secured assets.

Date: 26.01.2024 (Authorized Officer)

Tel: 01:

Possession Notice

Notice under Section 13 (4) of the SARFAESI ACT, 2002 read with Rule 8 (1)

of the Security (Enforcement) Interest Rules, 2002

Whereas, the Authorized Officer of the Jammu & Kashmir Bank Limited under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest (SARFAESI) Act, 2002 and in exercise of powers under section 13(2) of the said Act read with Rule 3 of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002, issued Demand Notice dated 12.09.2023 thereby calling upon Sajad Ahmad Ganie S/o Wali Mohammad Ganie R/o Wagoora B.K Pora Prop: M/S Star World (Borrower cum Mortgagor), Farooq Ahmad Dar S/O Ali Mohammad Dar R/o Wagoora B.K Pora, Muzaffar Ahmad Dar S/O Ali Mohammad Dar R/o Checkpora Kalan B.K Pora, Shakeel Ahmad Bhat S/o Ghulam Mohammad Bhat R/O Gousia Colony Kanipora & Shiraz Ahmad Lone S/o Gh Mohammad Lone R/o Wagoora Budgam (Guarantors) an amount of Rs.36,88,284.10 (Rupees. Thirty Six Lacs Eighty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Eighty Four & Paisa Ten Only) being the balance outstanding as on 31.08.2023 in the accounts of the Borrower, within 60 days from the date of the said notice together with the future interest and other charges thereon.

The said borrower having failed to repay the said amount, notice is hereby given to the said borrower in particular and the public in general that the undersigned being authorized officer of the J & K Bank Ltd. has taken possession of the mortgage property described herein below, in exercise of the powers conferred on me under section 13 (4) of the said Act read with Rule 8 of the said Rules, on this the 25th day of January of the year 2024.

The said borrower in particular and the public in general are hereby cautioned against dealing with the said property in any manner whatsoever and any dealings with the said property will be subject to the charge of the J&K Bank Limited for the amount in aggregating to Rs.38,38,126.10 (Thirty Eight Lacs Thirty Eight Thousand One Hundred Twenty Six & Paisa Ten Only) together with future interest thereon from 01.01.2024 and other charges incurred or to be incurred.

Description of the Immovable Property

"Residential House along with land underneath and appurtenant thereto measuring 19 Marlas falling under Khasra no. 1564, Khata no. 145(old 112) & Khewat no. 26 situated at mouza Wagoora, Tehsil B.K Pora District Budgam standing in the name of Mr. Sajad Ahmad Ganie S/o Wali Mohammad Ganie R/o Wagoora B.K Pora."

(Authorized Officer)



Rising Threat Of Ponzi Schemes

A Call For Vigilance And Financial Literacy

Irshad Mushtag

n recent times, there has been a significant rise in financial frauds associated with Ponzi schemes, especially in small towns and cities. These schemes entice investors with promises of low risk and high returns, but in reality, they are nothing but fraudulent scams.

Operating out of small, high-profile offices, these schemes initially attract investors with the allure of high returns. As more people invest, the scams gain confidence and continue to attract more money. However, there is no actual investment taking place, and it is important to question how these schemes can continue to provide returns without investing the money they receive.

As unsuspecting investors deposit large sums of money, the schemes disappear overnight, leaving behind only a rented office space. It is a devastating reality, and those who fall victim to these schemes are left with substantial financial losses.

What makes these schemes particularly dangerous is the fact that they are not registered with regulatory bodies such as SEBI, RBI, or IRDA. This means that the government cannot compensate for any losses incurred as a result of these fraudulent schemes.

In India, the prevalence of Ponzi schemes is particularly high in regions with low financial market knowledge, such as Kashmir. These scammers are adept at exploiting the lack of financial literacy in these areas and can easily ensnare innocent individuals through the sale of goods, apps, websites, and decorum.

It is crucial for individuals to exercise caution when approached with investment opportunities that seem too good to be true. It is vital to conduct thorough research and due diligence before committing to any investment. Additionally, seeking advice from financial professionals and staying informed about potential investment scams can help protect against falling victim to fraudulent schemes.

In conclusion, Ponzi schemes are a serious threat to the financial well-being of individuals, particularly in regions with low financial market knowledge. It is imperative to remain vigilant and informed to prevent falling prey to these fraudulent scams. The consequences of investing in such schemes can be devastating, and it is essential to spread awareness about the dangers of Ponzi schemes to protect ourselves and the community from financial exploitation.

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Are Consultants Ripping Off Students?

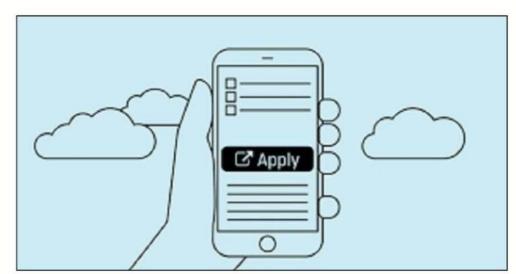
Peer Mohammad Amir Qureshi

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nder the searing sun, I found myself outside the Dean's office alongside my companion, racing against the clock to tick off exam requirements just days away. Amid this arduous endeavor, a Kashmiri couple arrived on campus, the sun's radiance reflecting off their visages. The woman's mission: snag an admit card from the Dean. But guess what? It's not as simple as it sounds. Her admission hangs in limbo, to her profound disappointment, what awaited her was nothing short of a staggering revelation—her admission remained unverified. The origins of this predicament stemmed from the fact that her admission had been orchestrated by a duplicitous consultant, one who habitually ensnares unsuspecting students, capitalizing on their vulnerabilities and offering a comprehensive array of deceptive services. Aided by the innate innocence of students, these cunning operators exploit their aspirations.

The Kashmiri couple was aghast, stunned by this unfortunate turn of events. Frantic calls to the consultant went unanswered, leaving them in disarray. Fortuitously, the woman's impending exams were deferred, and the aid of a consultant named Zakir sir (Zakir Kashmiri) ultimately secured her rightful admission.Cautionary voices in the academic realm advocate for a prudent reduction in reliance on consultants, emphasizing the need for aspirants to undertake their procedural responsibilities autonomously. Education consultants, those folks hired by colleges Or Universities to handle registrations, can be a lifeline. But here's the twist - some are like wolves in sheep's clothing, an ominous shift has taken place, with an insidious cabal of fraudulent advisors exploiting the unwavering trust of impressionable students, weaving tantalizing narratives of overseas or interstate educational pursuits. Their audacious demands for exorbitant fees, coupled with the peddling of spurious degrees, are indicative of a burgeoning crisis.

In the city of Hyderabad, India, a syndicate of malefactors was apprehended, their malevolent activities centering around the fabrication of counterfeit educational credentials, ostensibly to satiate the stringent visa requirements for overseas education and employment. The in-



tricate web of this operation encompassed an educational consultancy, a software engineer, and their intermediary associates. It becomes evident, however, that the culpability isn't solely borne by consultants; students themselves and their statements fall prey

to their own misguided choices. To navigate this labyrinthine landscape, experts underscore the imperative of minimizing dependence on consultants. Aspiring scholars should proactively gather exhaustive information before committing to any institution. The digital age's global village enables Kashmiris worldwide to harness the power of the internet and social media, extracting invaluable insights and reviews from their digital cohorts. Prior to making any commitments, diligent perusal of online resources, coupled with consultation of university-issued lists and alumni endorsements, is judicious. The wisdom of connecting with former attendees of a prospective institution cannot be overstated. Equally, the allure of postgraduate studies should be tempered with the pursuit of esteemed universities over mere colleges, as the former is likelier to host accomplished faculty with exceptional pedagogical acumen. The allure of consultants must be resisted—a clandestine network of brokers, akin to a secretive cabal, is ceaselessly scheming to ensnare unwitting candidates. This shadowy realm extends to the production of counterfeit degrees, allegedly attributed to a plethora of universities across states. The

Students Association of Jammu and Kashmir, as stakeholders, are well-positioned to ameliorate this conundrum. Initiatives to catalog unscrupulous entities through blacklisting and disseminating advisories on social media can be a potent tool to counter this consultancy menace. The psychological toll on vulnerable students ensnared by the consultancy mafia underscores the necessity of mental health support. During undergraduate studies, counseling sessions facilitated by seasoned professors should guide students contemplating further education. Government intervention in the form of a dedicated committee or council is pivotal to oversee consultancy operations, imposing penalties on deceptive agencies and compensating victims of their machinations. The current climate mandates astute vigilance-remain alert and prudent. Allow neither gullibility nor naiveté to undermine your journey. Utilize smartphones judiciously, lest they become instruments of your undoing. May divine providence guide us steadfastly along the righteous path.

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Breaking The Chains Of Exam Anxiety

Zia Darakshan

et another game changing edition, 7th in series, of Pariksha PeCharcha (PPC) is scheduled on January 29, 2024, from 11 AM onwards in a town hall format. Over a period of time, ParikshaPe Charcha has emerged as a unique programme in which the Prime Minister Narendra Modi directly interacts with school students.

The Ministry of Education (MoE) invited participation from school students from Class 6 to 12 along with teachers and parents and recorded a massive 2.26 crore registration on the MyGov portal at mygov.in. The huge number itself speaks about the extraordinary enthusiasm among students, teachers and parents across the geographies of the country, to interact with the Prime Minister and seek his guidance on the matters concerning their education.

Remarkably, this time, the programme will also have parents and teachers. Thereby, it is a golden opportunity for them to ask the Prime Minister for tips and seek his advice on education matters concerning their wards.

It is worth mentioning that Pariksha Pe Charcha is part of the larger movement - 'Exam Warriors' - driven by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, to bring together students, parents, teachers and the society to foster an environment where the unique individuality of each child is celebrated, encouraged and allowed to express itself fully.

'Exam Warriors' is a path-breaking, bestselling book of Prime Minister Narendra Modi outlining a refreshing approach to education and urging everyone to put exams in the right perspective, rather than making it a life-and-death situation punctuated by undue stress and pressure. The book, in nutshell, carries the message - Learning should be an enjoyable, fulfilling and endless journey.

In the breakneck technologically advanced society of the present, the challenges faced by

children and students are countless. The unabated flow of information and the rapid pace of life have created an environment that is not only complex but highly competitive, particularly affecting the holistic growth of the younger generation. At the nucleus of these challenges lies the permeating issue of exam-related fear and anxiety, acting as a significant hurdle to the well-being and confidence of students.

The deluge of information, coupled with the intensification of the competitive nature of education, has given rise to a race where students are compelled to outshine each other continually. While healthy competition has always been

standing the pressure they endure. The fear and anxiety associated with exams do not vanish; they persist into adulthood, affecting individuals even after achieving success in their personal and professional lives. Success, measured solely by societal standards, becomes the sole determinant of a good life, overshadowing the importance of happiness.

Our education system, though modernized, seems to inadvertently foster stress and frustration rather than instilling physical, mental, and spiritual confidence in our young learners. Parents, in particular, contribute significantly to the mental strain on students with their re-

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a part of academic life, the advent of information technology has elevated it to cutthroat levels. Peer pressure, parental expectations, and societal standards have created an atmosphere where success is not just a personal achievement but a benchmark set by others.

This competition, which was once confined to senior classes, has now permeated even junior levels. Parents take pride in comparing their children's academic achievements with those of their peers, inadvertently fostering jealousy among the younger generation. Introducing a competitive mindset at such a young age predisposes children to anxiety, depression, frustration, and a desperate need to stand out from the crowd.

The relentless pursuit of excellence places an immense burden on children. Family, teachers, and society at large harbor high expectations, pushing them to be the best without fully under-

lentless pursuit of academic excellence. The pressure for children to excel academically and in extracurricular activities often leads to immense stress, with some as young as six years old thrust into competitions where failure is deemed unacceptable.

Delving into our examination system reveals a breeding ground for fear among students. The teaching community instills the fear of exams from the primary grades onward, perpetuating a culture of continuous testing that permeates the entire school curriculum. Private schools, in particular, resort to punitive measures to ensure teachers focus on pushing students to improve their scores, creating an environment that induces competitiveness but at the cost of extinguishing the natural joy of learning in children.

The prevailing attitude in our system is clear: "Focus on the examinations." This mindset has led children to believe that marks, and marks alone, determine their worth. Even colleges and universities rely heavily on previous exam scores rather than evaluating a student's potential. The relentless pursuit of high aggregate marks, driven by parental expectations, erodes the confidence of students and undermines their individual abilities and potential.

In the midst of these challenges, the National Education Policy (NEP), loaded with a host of reforms, was rolled out in 2020, it came into effect during the 2023-2024 academic Year. Aiming to bring radical changes in the way Indian Educational System works, the NEP brings the whole system under one umbrella in line with one nation, one policy agenda. This comprehensive framework, encompassing elementary to higher education and vocational training, aims to revolutionize the education sector and pave the way for transformative changes by 2030.

The NEP 2020 encourages a shift from rote memorization to fostering critical thinking, problem-solving, and creative skills. It promotes multidisciplinary learning to nurture well-rounded individuals capable of adapting to a rapidly changing world. The integration of skill development programs into mainstream education empowers students with practical expertise for the job market.

To conclude, the seventh edition of Pariksha Pe Charcha is happening at a time when the target segment of the students are gearing up to appear in their final examinations, mostly beginning in the first week of March. The Prime Minister talking about examination anxiety and tips to break the chains of this stress will go a long way to help the three main stakeholders students, teachers and parents - to navigate the delicate path to a confident mindset.

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Life's Dynamic Canvas

have been contemplating my high school mindset, and it's the only thing that has been on my mind lately. Everybody has had memorable thoughts back in childhood, I guess. Our dreams, our goals—everything changes, and that's how our perspectives evolve over time. Sometimes my own thoughts would obfuscate me, and sometimes I would have ineffable ideas.

Today. I have become the opposite of what I wanted to be,
and it's great. I do not regret it
because I have kind of found
my hidden skills. Some peeple dream of specific pursuits
in Iffe, but everything else is
planned, and it's planned really
well. Your job is to realize, to
discover that plan, it's not about
what humanity needs from you.
So, don't get excited or furious
when your students answer the
question What do you want to
be when you grow up? For instance, my first dream was to
become an astronaut, Literally,
it was my first wish Before having that dream, i would just stay
silent whenever someone asked

silent whenever someone asked me what I wanted to be when I me what I wanted to be when I grow up. Then, I started saying 'I want to become an astronaut.' I fell so in love with space and all that I would borrow the smartphone of my relatives just to watch videos related to space. I would only use notebooks that had images of astronauts or celestial bodies on their covers. During lunch breaks, instead of playing. I used to compel my friends to listen to whatever I knew about space technology. The story of Kalpana Chawla and other crew members, the tale of Apollo 11. and Apollo 15. I even memorised the biography of Yorin Gagarin and all the astronauts. I was so obsessed with

tronauts, I was so obsessed with all these things that I would of-ten miss meals because I used to be busy reading, listening, watching stuff like that, Every-



one around me was sure that I would be a space scientist, and I was so proud of that, but life had different plans. Steadily, I began to realize that I wasn't good enough in science [especially, physics wasn't my cup of real. Then one day, I read about Anne Frank, and that's where I got my Plan B from, It was not enough to get me started, though it did inspire me to write, yet I found it kind of boring! Umil I read a play by William Shakespeare, specifically The Tempest, that compelled me to take a pen and start imagining beyond the stars. The spark is still there. The reason for writing this is only to let those people who have fost hope, as their life isn't going as planned, know that if Plan A fails, start working on Plan B, and if it fails too, then focus on Plan C. Remember there are Z6 alphabets, and you know what that means? That means

you have got to keep planning and keep striving until you move forward.

Today, I asked my students what they want to be when they grow up, and I wasn't impressed because what they med want now may be against what they need when they grow up, thowever, there was a student whose answer was very shocking to everybody. Well, he said he wants to be a singer, he wants to be a singer, he wants to be a singer, he would be a singer of the wants to be a singer, he would be to the want to be a singer. The work of the want to be a singer o

soon, You see, life often takes unex-

pected turns, so we must have the ability to adapt and discover the ability to adapt and discover new passions, You should al-ways encourage your students or children to embrace flex-ibility in their aspirations. It's not just about what one wants to be but understanding what to be but understanding what contribution they can make to society, to the whole world. I personally believe that life's al-phabet offers endless possibili-ties. Our strowoles stars when

phabet offers endless possibili-ties. Our struggles start when we die. Living and struggles always to together.

One more thing that stops us all from achieving our goals is the concept of aging. Let me tell you that age is just a number. We are always young enough to take action unless and until we feel physically weals, it doesn't matter whether you are 30, 40, 50, or beyond. What matters is your strength, I've observed many people unwill-

ing to take action just because they are over 25, and I've also witnessed individuals aged 50 and older working hard without and older working hard without complaining. In a nutshell, you are young until you are physically fit and mentally sound, I know the surrounding crowd may suggest you are confused, sometimes wanting to become this and sometimes that, but I'm telling you that you are not lost; you are in the process of self-discovery and uncovering the goal that the Creator has set for you.

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The Great Beauty Of Art Is Its Absence Of Certainty

T can be surprising when things are not what they seem. Take books, for example.

I cently finished. The Outsider (aka The Stranger) by Albert Camus. I'm told many people read it at a younger age, and to prove the point tows green it by a nephew who'd distowered it as a teenager. It's not a particularly long book, yet as I turned the pages it seemed to change, revealing something unexpected. To begin with, I thought is slightly doll; a first-person account of a young Frenchman in Algiers, learning his mother had died.

There follows some rather ordinary reports of him eating, sleeping and, for reasons unknown, feeling constantly tired. He finds a gif that he likes, but doesn't love. We read about an old neighbour whose dog goes missing, and a younger man who asks him to write a letter, It's all quite unremarkable.

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remarkable.

But after he suddenly shoots a man dead, it's doubtless a very different book. The portrayal of the lengthy prelude to his trial reveals there are many other things the author has in mind. It seems we are engaged with potentially prodount reflections: on ethics, liberty, guilt, religion.

Ultimately, the book rests on a sole question: was the murder premediated? The characters in the book don't know, But from our privileged place as withness to the narrator's inner thoughts from the first page, how ould it have been? It's a tricky position for a reader to be in.

One is led to wonder what it is really about. On the final page, Camus suggests that, rather than feeling the love of the deity to which we should aspire, he senses—and is comforted by—the "tender indifference" of the world.

NOT WHAT THEY SEEM
I'Ve thought about this a while, and decided it's a philosophical book.
Yet I'm aware that this might be simply how I'm interpreting these events. Indeed, tracing back through my thoughts, I see that for other readers this is possibly a modest story about a few months in the life of a



man. Entertaining or not, he's not a

man. Emerkatung or not, nes not a very appealing man at that!
So things like books can be some-thing other than what they seem; what they are on the surface, and the stories we find within, can be wholly dissimilar. If absolute definitions are problematic, perhaps we can dispense with their application to other thines.

pense with their application to other things.

Take music, for example. Among my friends who work professionally in the field, some are troubled that what to them is an arform is by others classified as just "entertainment".

I grew up being used to people seeing music as a less-than-serious pursuit. When in my teems I told my grandmother that I wanted to be a musician, she replied that such a thing would be very nice but asked what I would do for a proper job.

(She meant well, she also played plano.)

niano.)
So in precisely which ways could
nusic be both entertainment and
omething that is rich and profound?
If you take a piece of music with

a beat and play it with conviction, whether it is an Irish jig or a rollicking Baroque gigue by Jib Bach, it can make people want to dance. This San gounder foot of musics first utilities.

If you assemble some memorable words, a pleasing melody and suitable chords, it can make people want to sing along. This has long been the case in folksong traditions, and continues in popular entertainment cultures around the world. It's notable that Beethoven found it the best solution when he was searching for an ending to his final symphony.

Yet there is something truly ineffable about music in its metaphysical otherness. Like the effect of certain fragrances but more compelling, it can transport us back through time. And not just in momentary bursts. Rather, immersed through its duration, music can move us to our inner core. Like great authors, creators of music craft narratives of surprising complexity. This can be through the align-

ment of musical ideas, no matter how small, recurring at pivotal points. Or it can be in the timing of the larger whole, when no e-encounters a more continued and the continu

"WHO HAS DIED "?

AN EPITAPHinverse & A TRIBUTE

SHABIR SARWAR MALIK

"Irritate us no longer You dumb unlettered man Hurry, others are in the queue The waiting Scroll Book, Cold Black Marble Slab and

Journey of the Five Senses
Bestowed by two angelic-faces
[-to whom this man owes his
very existence;
... What is there in me?
... on which to claim ...
... proprietorship, otherwise.]
Who guided my naive fingers
To scribble the ALPHABET (S)
between the lines.

... between the lines... On the Exercise Book Called " phenomenon-al" life Bequeathed to this existenti

EPITAPH?

It is too big a thing for me.

Barely one alphabet,

-That too struggling

... to stanu eres.
.. between the lines
... shall be attempted ..."
'I'?

["...alif jaisa?...one jaisa?... A I E'? ...bolo na... chhoep ...kyoun ho ... 1 ? 1 ? //

{ - I ...herein lying asleep ...below the mound of Cold earth, today ... },

Fearing ... This lisping tongue will falter. will falter
So today this man
Beseeches YOU
To recite over 'me
EATEHA*
O'MOTHER' With 'Abajaan'): ...YOU ARE ALIVE, I have died (- actually)". ///

(("Was it my voice? or that of Ansari brothers? on the post-burial night of 18 Dec))

Post Script: "Spiritual Odyssey . A journey of love And longing it seemed when

The walk to your grave seemed, As I carried

As I carried
The Epitaph- slab to the graveyard;
Also
During the two score days:
(-named by my soul as
Arbaeen or Chehlom),
When candles emitted solemn light,

When candles emitted solemn light,
And fragrance-sticks wafted
The aroma of chants,
While
THOSE, who knew you, MAA
Recounted your righteous deeds;
your carrity;
your compassionate acts;
In your earthly life
—spent under the tutored-shade of
THE GREAT STEEDAH!
—the belitting mate of the
SHAH E WILAYET. ///

With compassion, your face has brightened With the heavenly bliss rewarded (- to you) There YOU are There YOU are
walking gracefully
In thanat eternal,
exalted -abode
of the kingdom of Heaven
Where, he (- M.Mustafa H.Ansari sueb**)
...busy, as usual, in the Recitation
...-(of Sallawant, & Holy verses ...
Somewhat SMILINGLY...),
is notified to

...is getting up with extended arms O'MAA***."

// *= Post burial prayers . = His year of Demise 2006 *** Date of Demise 17 Dec 2023 }}

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J&K One Of The

residing in Jammu, Samba and Kathua will be given land ownership rights. 'Apart from families coming from West Pakistan, refugees who have been victims of discrimination in Pakistan-controlled Jammu and Kashmir and Chhamb for decades.

Kashmir and Chhamb for decades, are now recognized as citizens of this great nation and they are being provided equal rights and feat privileges. The LG pointed out the region's victories over various challenges in the last five years, emphasising the goal of creating a new social setup for the younger generation. "The major resolution of 2024 is to create a new social setup for the various challenger sentences are new social setup."

to create a new social setup for the organization. The new society will give impetus to India in knowlege, skill and infrastructure to secure its place among the developed, skill and infrastructure to secure its place among the developed, skill and infrastructure to secure its place and the store of the

Hitting out at some sections of peo

Pile, he said they are being misled on the issue of change of land laws. "These changes have been made for the benefit of farmers and others. Some people are spreading rumours

graphic changes to incite the others. I want to assure the people that like in hilly states, the safeguards have been put in place for lands," he

31,830 Appointments

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letters were released, which is a testimony to our commitment to ensure families of martyrs and hardworking employees live a life of dignity." he said. He assured the people of Jammu Kashmir to fast-track the process of the compassionate appointments of the remaining cases. "It is our commitment to wipe tears from every eya and ensure a happy and successful life for every family," he said.

Le Governor further said that the 100 e-Buses dedicated to the people of the UT will transform smart mobility in Jammu city and connected area, and improve the quality of life for the citizens.

citizens. "Under the guidance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Nami Shah, we are making earnest efforts to realise the potential and dreams of the people of JK," he

ICJ Orders Israel

"justly rejected the outrageous de-mand" to deprive Israel of what he called the "basic right to defend itself", by ordering it to half fighting.
"But the mere claim that Israel is committing genocide against Palestinians is not only false, it's outra-arous, and the williamses of the cust."

Palestinians is not only false, it's outra-goous, and the willingness of the court to even discuss this is a disgrace that will not be erased for generations." Israeli Security Minister Itamar Ben-Orir mocked the ruling in a two-word social media post with a Yiddish-style putdown: "Hague shmague". South Africa brought the case to the International Court of Justice (ICI) earlier this month, asking it to reast emergency measures to bult the

(IC) earlier this month, asking it to grant emergency measures to halt the lighting, which has killed more than 26,000 Palestinians and displaced the majority of the population in a more than three-month campaign of inten-sive bombardment. It accused Israel of state-led gene-cide in its offensive, begun after Hamas militants stormed into Israel killing 1,200 and kidnapping more than 240. Israel sought to have the case thrown out.

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The judges ordered Israel to take all measures within its power to prevent its troops from committing genocide, punish acts of incitement, take steps to improve the humanitarian situation and report back on its progress in

It did not decide the merits of the

It did not decide the merits of the genocide allegations, which could take years. Although the ruling cannot be appealed, the court has no mechanism to enforce its decision. Israel had demanded the case be thrown out. Calling South Africa's al-legations false and "grossly distorted". It says it has acted in Gaza in self de-fence against a foe that attacked first, and blames Hamas for harm to riviland blames Hamas for harm to civil ians for operating among them, which

and for oberating among them, which the fighters depth among them, which the fighters depth are sometimes and the south African government. Almost a state of the south a grave crime that all countries are duty-bound to prevent it, halled the court order as a "decisive victory" for international rule of law. "South Africa sincerely hopes that srael will not act to frustrate the application of this Order, as it has put highly threatened to do, but that it will instead act to comply with it fully, as it is bound to do," its foreign ministry said in a statement. The country's Deputy President Paul Mashaltile and Justice Minister Ronald Lamola were seen cheering and danc-

MASHATHE AND JUSTICE MINISTER ROHAL Lamola were seen cheering and danc-ing at a gathering of the governing African National Congress party fol-lowing the court's verdict, which was televised live.

On the ground in Gaza, the war has

entered a particularly destructive phase, with the heaviest fighting in weeks now taking place in crowded areas Jammed with hundreds of thou-sands of people who fled from earlier fighting elsewhere.

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On Friday, Israel kept up its bombardment of the main Southern city of Khan Younis, where it said it was involved in "intensive battles", with forces striking dozens of Hamas fighters and infrastructure from the air and ground.

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Residents said gunbattles raged overnight, with Israeli forces blowing up buildings and houses in the western part of the city in what has become one of its biggest offensives so far, waged among hundreds of thousands of displaced civilians.

Israel said it had discovered some 200 tunnel shafts and destroyed more than 130 militant infrastructure sites in its latest operations, as well as killing "numerous militants".

Palestinians say Israel has blockaded hospitals making it impossible for rescuers to reach the dead and wounded. Israel denies blockading hospitals and says Hamas fighters are to blame for fighting near them for operating there.

"We believe many victims are stighters are to blame for fighting near them for operating there.

"We believe many victims are stighters are could be also the roads, the occupation prevents ambulance and civil emergency teams from reaching them." Caza health ministry spokesman Ashraf Al-Ojdra said.

While Plains

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reaches till afternoon was expect-ed on January 26 and improvement thereafter.

On January 27, he said, partly to generally cloudy weather with pos-sibility of light snow was expected at isolated higher reaches towards late

On January 28-29, he said, gener On january 28-29, he said, generally cloudy weather with possibility of light to moderate rain/snow was expected at many places. From January 30-31st, he said, they said is a possibility of light to moderate rain/snow at many places. From February 1-3, there is a possibility of light to moderate rain/snow at many places.

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"There is significant improvement in visibility and rise in maximum temperature expected in plains of Jammu Division from today onwards."

The weatherman has also issued an advisory, saying that the present system may lead to temporary closure of roads of higher reaches and important passes like Sinthan pass, Mughal Road, Sadhna, Razdan pass, Zojila etc. particularly during January

important passes like Sinthan pass, Mughal Road, Sadhna, Razdan pass, Zojila etc, particularly during January 28-31. Travellers are advised to Plan accordingly, 'he said, Meanwhile, due to doud cover, there was considerable increase in night temperature with Srinagar recording a low of minus 0.5°C against minus 3.6°C on previous night and it was 1.8°C above normal for the summer capital of J&K for this time of the year. Qazigund recorded a minimum of Q-2°C against minus 4.2°C on the previous night, he said. The minimum temperature was 4.1°C above normal for the gateway town of Kashmir, the Met official said.

Pahalgam recorded a low of minus 0.4°C against minus 6.3°C on the previous night and it was 7.1°C above normal for the famous resort in south Kashmir, 'Kohenne,' also in south Kashmir.'

Kökernag, also in south Kashmir, Kökernag, also in south Kashmir, recorded a minimum of minus 0.1°C against minus 1.6°C on the previous night and the temperature was above normal by 3.5°C for the place, the of-ficial said. Kashmir.

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Kupwara town in north Kashmir re-corded a low of 2.5°C against minus 2.9°C on the previous night and it was 5.4°C above normal there, the official said.

Gulmarg, the official said, recorded a low of minus 3.7°C against minus 4.5°C on the previous night and the temperature was 3.5°C above normal

for the world famous skiing resort in north Kashmir. Jammu, he said, recorded a mini-mum of 7.0°C against 4.1°C on the pre-vious night, and it was above normal by 5.8°C for the winter capital of J&K. Banihal recorded a low of minus 4.2°C, Batote 5.6°C and Bhaderwah minus 0.2°C, he said. Kashmir valley is under 'Chillai-

minus 0.2°C, he said.
Kashmir valley is under 'ChillaiKalmi, the 40-day harsh period of
winter, which will end on January 29.
However it does not mean an end to
the winter, it is followed by a 20-daylong period called 'Chillai-Khuri'
that occurs between January 30 and
February 19 and a 10-day-long period
'Chillai-Bacha' (baby cold) which is
from February 20 to March 1.

Mughal Road

ctearing operations are underway. After a month-long dry spell, the Peer Ki Gali area in Shopian district received a fresh spell of snow yesterday. The Meteorological Office has issued an advisory cautioning about temporary road closures in higher reaches and important passes like Sinthan Pass, Mughal Road, Zojila, Sadhna, and Razdan Pass from January 28-31.

1000's Join Republic

the shikaras were decorated in t colors of the National Flag. "It's for t first time that the shikaras have be decorated on the Republic Day,"

The Republic Day functions were eld in all the districts across Jammu

& Kashmir.

At Baramulla, the function was held at District Police Lines Baramulla where Chairperson District Development Council (DDC) Baramulla, Safeena Beigh ceremoniously unfurled the National flag, inspected the Parade and took salute at the March Past. Deputy. Commissioner: Razamulla and took salue at the March Past. Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Minga Sherpa; SSP Baramulla, Amod Nagpure; DO members, Additional District Development Commissioner Baramulla, Aijaz Abdullah Saraf, Additional Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Aijaz Abdullah Saraf, Additional Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Zahoor Ahmad Raina; Officers of Army and Police, District and sectoral officers, heads of different departments besides a huge gathering of people participated in Republic Day celebrations.

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departments besides a huge gathering of people participated in Republic Day celebrated with great fervor and enturisam at GDC Boys Khanabal where Chairman District Development Council Anantaag, Mehammad Yousuf Gorsi unfurled the national flag and took salute at the parade.

At Budgam, the 75th Republic Day functions were held with much faufare and enthusiasm across the District Budgam. The main function was held at Sports Stadium Budgam, where chairman, District Development Council (IDDC), Budgam, Nazir Ahmad Khan unfurled the National Flag and took salute at the march-past.

At Ganderbal, the District Development Council (IDDC), Budgam, Nazir Ahmad Khan unfurled the National Flag and took salute at the march-past.

At Ganderbal, the District Development Council (IDDC) and the District Development Flag and took salute at the 75th Republic Day function being celebrated at Qamaria Scalium, Ganderbal, Nazir Strict Police Lines in Pulwama, the 75th Republic Day celebrations at the District Police Lines in Pulwama, the 75th Republic Day celebrations at the District Police Lines in Pulwama reverberated with partiotic fervor and community spirit as distinguished guests, officials, and citizens came together to commencate the occasion. The event, graced dixense came together to commencate the occasion. The event, graced by the presence of DDC Chairperson, Syed Abdul Bari Andrabl as the chiziperson, Syed Abdul Bari Andrabl as the chiziperson with the main function held at Olistrict Police Lines Kulgam, Chairperson, District Development Council (IDDC) Kulgam, Mohammad Afzal Parrey

who was chief guest on the occasion unfurled the National Flag and took salute at the March past presented by the contingents of CRPF, IKP, IKP alides police group, Home guard, N.C. Cadets, students etc.

In Kupwara, the 75th Republic Day was celebrated across the frontier district Kupwara with great enthusiasm and fervour. The main function was held at District Police Lines Kupwara where Chairman, District Development Council (IDDC) Kupwara, Irfan Sultan Panditpori unfurled the National Flag, inspected the parada and took salute at march-past presented by contingents of JRP, JKAP, CRPF, IRP, Home Guards, FPF, Special Commandos, Police Band, and school children.

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AtShopian, the District Development Council (DDC), Chairperson, Shopian, AtShopian, interest the Council (DDC), Chairperson, Shopian, Bidgees Jan unfurfied the tricolor at District Police Lines, Shopian, inspected the parade and took salure at the March-past comprised of CRPF, IKP, Olice, IRP, Home Guards, NCC Cadets and students from different schools. At Bandipora, to celebrate 75th Republic Day, grand functions were held across the district with the main function held at S. K. Stadium Bandipora, Chairperson District Development Council (DDC) Bandipora, Abdul Gani Bhat unfurled the National flag and took salure at the march past presented by contingents of CRPF, IKP, IKRP, IKF, Fire and Emergency, SPOS, IkHome Gaurd, NCC besides students of various schools and IKP Band Group.

Moreover, around 10,000 people including school children attended the Republic day ceremony in Jammu at MA Stadium this morning.

The district administration had pressed in bus service for different locations of Jammu to carry the participants and general public towards the venue without any bassle.

The program commenced at around 79.00 am with Lieutenant Governor Mano) Sinha led the celebrations and inspected the contingents of the Republic Day Parade and took the ceremonal salute followed with showering of rose petals by Indian air Force heicopters.

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The Republic Day Parade consisted of smart contingents from Army, BSF, CRPF, SSB, IRP (Women & Male), J&K, Police, J&AP, UT Disaster Response Force, J&K, Fire and Emergency Services, J&K Forest Protection Force, Excise Department, Ex-Servicemen, NCC (Boys and Girls, Bharat Scouts and Guides (Girls & Boys) and several school contingents, Brass & Pipe Bands of Army, BSF, J&K Police, J&K Armed Police and Band Troops (Girl & Boys) of different Schools.

ronce and name troops (Little boys) of different Schools.

Tableaux by different depart-ments on Viksit Bharat Sankalp Yatra, Aajevika se Aatmanirbharta, Har Ghar Nal Se Jal, Vimalam Gramam-Swachhata aur Vikas ka Sankalp and PM-SHR1 remained the highlights of the celebrations. the celebrations.

the celebrations.

The Lieutenant Governor also laid wreath art he Police Martyrs Memorial and Baildan Stambh and paid tributes to the brawe martyrs of Police, Army and CAPFs.

Meanwhile, apart from government events, people of Jammu celebrated Republic Day at every nook and corner by unfurling national tricolor and taking out bike rallies.

ICF To Roll

train was also turned out last October in collaboration with CLW (Chitzaranjan Locomotive Works) which is a boon to the common man and provides with a travel experience much better than what he has today," Malba said.

Kashmir Woodcarver's

a wood carving unit at Sarai Safakadal so that we could learn the craft," Dar, who lives in Sekidafar area of old Srinagar city, said.

Although the master craftsman said

Although the master craftsman said he did not learn much during the five years at the wood carving unit, the stay there, however, aroused his interest in the art and he decided that he will learn it to earn his livelihood.
"I faced a lot of difficulties in learning this art. I went to several craftsmen but they turned me away saying though I won't be able to learn. But I was determined and worked hard. And I am thankful to the almighty for it," he added.
"However, Tikoo had suffered a

added.
"However, Tikoo had suffered a stroke and his right hand was paralysed. When he heard my story, he said he will still teach me through designs made on paper. I followed his instructions and he taught me this art,"

Darsaid.

Dars artistic prowess flourished as he transitioned from traditional designs to creating his own unique works inspired by nature. His talent was recognised when he received a state award in 1984, and later, an opportunity to work in Baghdad in the early 1990s. His craftsmanship reached new heights when he was honoured with the National Award in 1995-96.

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Dar and his family are happy for all the recognition his work has fetched.
"I am very happy, my family is also very happy, when a craftsman gets an award, any award, he gets encouragement. He tries to go further in the field. If the government does not encourage the artisans, they lose interact he said.

comage the artosais, they nose meeting set," he said.
Expressing gratitude for the recognition, Dar emphasised the importance of government support in preserving traditional arts. He urged the establishment of a comprehensive institution or workshop to train and incentivise young artisans, safeguarding the future of wood carving for the store of wood carvins, footsteps, Dar remains hopeful for the continuity of his craft, stressing the need for sustained interest and support from both the government and the public.

I&K Govt Announces

television, actor Gulzar Ganaïe, Pahari artist Kartar Chand, theatre

television, actor Gulzar Ganaie, Pahari artist Rawan Verma, actor and director Kuideep Raina and vocalist and music composer Munir Ahmad Mir have been awarded.
Similary, Basohii Pashmina artist Needam Rani, Basohii Pashmina artist Needam Rani, Basohii painting artist Neadam Rani, Basohii painting artist Needam Rani, Basohii painting artist Needam Rani, Basohii Pata Rani, Basohii Rani,

Bhatt, Gursimran Singh, Danish Manzoor Bhat, Ajay Jandyal and Vishal Bharti have been awarded as out-standing media persons. The award carries a cash prize of Rs 51,000 and a citation to the awardee.



I&K Bank Celebrates

Nation's 75th Republic Day

Snowfall In Kashmir Parts Sparks Hope For Tourism, Farming Revival



Agencies

SRINAGAR: Fresh snowfall in parts of Kashmir especially high-er reaches on Friday has ignited a hope of revival of tourism and farming sectors in Kashmir.

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As per news agency, the dry
spell of more than two months.

In Kashmir ended with a fresh
snowfall on higher reaches of
Kashmir on Friday.

Snowfall was reported from
Gulmarg, Pahalgam, Sonamarg,
Gurez, MacChil, Karnah Dood
dpathri and Shopian areas of
the valley.

dpathri and Shopian areas of the valley. Tourism players, who were writnessing cancellation of bookings due to the prolonged dry period, said they are getting fresh inquiries from tourists for February. "Snowfall allways proves a good omen for the tourism sector of Kashmir. We are now getting queries from tourists who want to visik Kashmir in coming weeks to witness snowfall." Rauf Tramboo, president Travel Agents Association of Kashmir, said. He hoped for compensation for the January Joss in February. "There is a prediction for more snowfall in the coming days, which will pave the way for the start of adventure sports at Gulmarg. So, we are hopeful

that more tourists come to en-joy the adventure in Kashmir," Tramboo said.

The president TAAK said they are getting a good number of confirmations for the months of March, April and May also. "Xashmir is likely to witness

"Kashmir is likely to witness a packed spring season also. We are currently getting good booking confirmation for the

We are currently getting good booking confirmation for the months of March, April and May," he said.

Apple growers are equally elated, saying the fresh gold leated, saying the fresh gold leated, saying the fresh gold leated, saying the fresh gold will infuse a new lease of life in the horticulture sector.

"Apple production is always determined by the rains and snowfall received by the valley during the winter season. Kashmir witnessed dry weather for over two months, which has an impact on the horticulture sector. Since, the MeT department has forecasted snow-fall in the coming days, we are

partment has forecasted snow-fall in the coming days, we are hopeful for a better production this year, said Gowhar Ahmad Khan, an apple grower from Baramulla.

Pertinently, December last year witnessed a 79 percent defi-cit in rainfall. The month of January too has been also dry majory, which raised concerns among the farmers, to urism players and environmentalists—(KNO)

Foreign Tourists Influx Increased By 2.5 Times Post G20 Meeting: LG

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JAMMU: Lieutenant Governor
Manoj Sinha on Friday said
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This paradise on earth winnessed a record influx of Rs.
2.11 crore tourists during the
year 2023, and the 620 Summit held in Srinagar in May,
2023 led to a 2.5 times increase in the arrival of foreign
tourists," he said.
Apart from popular tourist
destinations like Gulmarg and
Pahalgam, he said, there was a
significant influx of tourists in
offbeat destinations, contributing to the strengthening of
the local economy.
In places like Shiv Khori,
Illion tourists visited last
year, 1.05 million in Mansarunilion tourists visited last
year, 1.05 million in Dudhpathri, and
0.15 million in Iolab, he said.
After granting industry status to the tourism sector, has seen "enormous" growth.

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SRINAGAR: Advisor to Lieu-tenant Governor, Rajeev Raj



"These initiatives testify to the comprehensive development and progress of various sectors in Jammu and Kashmir, contributing to the well-being of its residents and the overall prosperity of the region," he said.

Pligrimage to Amariath and Mata Vaishno Devi, he said, with the highest number of devotees, showcases the deep spiritual connection of "our holy places with the entite nation",
"Apart from off-beat tourist destinations, revival of tourism in border areas has strength-"These initiatives testify to the

Every Sector Has Taken Flight Of

Development: Bhatnagar

ened the local economy," he said, adding, "Last year, over 10 lalch tourists utilized the Gulmang Gondola, generating revenue of over Rs. 100 crores;" Shooting permission has been granted to more than 300 lims, web series, and music videos, he said, "The International Film Festival of India held in Goa last November was a major attraction for film

DHSK Issues Employment Orders Under SRO-43 KO NEWS SERVICE

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SRINAGAR: To celebrate the country's 75th Republic Day, 18k. Bank MD 8 CEO Baldev Prakash unfurled the national flag in a major function held today at Bank's Jammu Office in presence of Execurive Director Sudhir Cupta, General Manager Ashutosh Sareen, and DCMs amid a large gathering of Bank officials. Speaking on the occasion, MD 8 CEO congratulated the staff and said, "This Republic Day must remind us of our collective responsibility towards the progress and, "This Republic Day must remind us of our collective responsibility towards the progress and, "This Republic Day must remind us of our collective responsibility towards the progress and prosperity of our nation. At J8k Bank, we are dedicated to contributing to the economic growth of the regions we serve, and we remain steadfast in our commitment to financial inclusion and support for diverse sections of society under initiatives like Swarozgar Yojana."

"As ease-of-banking is one of vital components of the national goal of ease-of-doing-business, we will also continue

SRINAGAR: In a spirited cel-ebration of India's 75th Re-public Day, the Directorate of Health Services (OHS) Kashmir marked the occasion with mul-tiple functions across Kashmir hospitals, with the main func-tion held at its head office in Bennina, Srinaear.

tion held at its head office in Bernina, Srinagar.

The Director of Health Services Kashmir, Dr.Mushhaq Ah-mad Rathar led the patriotic proceedings by unfurling the national flag in the presence of scores of dedicated health employees who had gathered from various corners of Kashmir.

The event was a symbol

various corners of Kashmir.

The event was a symbol of unity and commitment as health professionals, amidst their essential duties, came together to honour the nation on this significant day. The tricolour fluttered proudly, enabodying the spirit of fredom and resilience that the country stands for:

and resilience that the country stands for.

The main function held at DHS Kashmir's head office fea-tured a heartfelt rendition of the national anthem, instilling a sense of pride and camarade-rie among the attendees. Director Health Services Kashmir delivered an inspir-ing address; emphasizing the

Sole CT Scan Machine Goes

crucial role healthcare plays in the nation's progress and well-

to orient our technology-led transformation of products and services to enhance the ease-l-banking for every section of our operational geographies to contribute our part proactively towards realising the national goals of inclusive economic development", he added.

He further reiterated the Bank's pledge to serve people in the best possible way "as we move ahead confidently to become a financial institution that meets expectations of its stakeholders along with the aspirations of a common man. The participants also reiterated that they remain committed towards attaining the goals of business growth besides institutional development in line with national vision.

In Srinagar, the main func-

with national vision.

In Srinagar, the main function was held at Bank's Cor-

tion was held at Bank's Cor-porate Headquarters wherein General Manager Narjay Gupta hoisted the national flag in presence of General Managers, DGMs and other senior officers of the Bank.

Amidst the prevailing chal-lenges, the celebration served as a reminder of the collective strength and determination of the healthcare community in

the healthcare community in Kashmir.

The commitment of these health professionals, displayed by their active participation, showcases their dedication not only to their profession but also to the larger cause of national prosperity.

As the tricolour waved against the scenic backdrop of Kashmir, the DHS Kashmir family reiterates its allegiance to the service of the people and the nation.

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In a poignant addition to the Republic Day celebrations, the Directorate of Health Services (DHS) Kashmir extended a compassionate gesture by distributing employment orders to the next of kin of employees the had valiantly served and unfortunately lost their lives during their active duty within the department, under SRO 43. This initiative stands as a tribute to the indomitable spirit and sacrifice of those who devoted their lives to the service of the people.

Anantnag Surpasses **Pulwama In Milk Production**

ANATINAC: Anantnag district has surpassed Pulwama district in milk production, earning the fi-tle of the 'New Anand of Kashmir'. According to the news agency. Anantnag is presently producing. 229 lakh litres of milk per day. Officials said the annual milk production in the district is approximately 266.35 thousand tomes, surpassing Pulwama, which has

mately 266.33 thousand tonnes, surpassing Pulwarm, which has an annual milk production of 262.95 thousand tonnes. Other districts reported varying levels of milk production, with Budgam at 240.70 thousand tonnes, Raigam at 161.05 thousand tonnes, Kulgam at 161.539.5 thousand tonnes, Kulgam at 161.539.5 thousand tonnes, Bardipora at 119.98 thousand tonnes and Srinagar at 100.410 thousand tonnes. Ganderbal and Shoplan recorded the lowest milk production, with 96.37 thousand tonnes and 72.96 thousand tonnes an ind 72.96 thousand tonnes an-mally, respectively. Chief Animal Husbandry Of-

ficer (CAHO), Anantnag, Javid Mohi ud Din Zargar, attributed the success to the Integrated Di-

ary Scheme (IDS), which has improved the economic conditions of livestock holders. He said a subsidy of 8s 117,00,000 was disbursed among 221 beneficiaries for the first three quarters of the current financial year. "The new units not only contributed to increased milk production but also generated employment for local youth and promoted organic farming," he said.

Officials from the animal hus-said. Officials from the animal hus-bandry department in the district said Anantnag's farmers have adopted modern techniques, including advanced breeding methods and improved nutrition for dainy cartle. for dairy cattle.

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These efforts have led to higher milk yields per cow, contributing to the overall growth in production, they said.

"Government schemes supporting the dairy industry, such as subsidies on cattle feed, veteriany services and financial assistance for infrastructure development have played a photoal point in their dairy operations," they added—(KNO)



He called upon the citizens that besides honouring our constitution, we all should reaffirm our commitment to justice, fiberty, equality and fraternity and stand together against intolerance and discrimination, fostering an environment where every citizens to the standard of the standa

crimination, fostering an environment where every citizen can thrive, irrespective of
caste, creed or gender.

The Advisor further remarked that in the face of gloalchallenges, India has shown
unwavering determination and
from technological advancements to economic growth, cuments to a conomic growth, our
great nation is making strides
on the international stage, He
highlighted that the economy

of our country is progressing at a stable pace and that even in the face of difficult circum-stances during the global fi-nancial downturn, our perfor-mance was appreciable. Speaking on the ongoing de-velopment across Lumu and

Speaking on the ongoing de-velopment across Jammu and Kashmir, Advisor Bhatnagar said that Jammu and Kashmir is witnessing massive devel-opment from the last four, free years. From the health sector to physical infrastructure and from seamless citizen centric governance through digital means to improved service delivery to the public, every sector has taken a flight of de-velopment.

SRINAGAR: Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, Rajeev Raje Bhatnagar, today unfurled the National Flag to mark 75th Republic Day celebrations at Bakshi Stadium here. He inspected the parade and saluted the contingents of JRP. BSC, CRPE, JRAP, SSB, ITBP, JRP. Women contingent, Forest Protection Force and NCC. Addressing the huge gathering, Advisor Bhatnagar extended his heart warming greetings to the people of Jammu and Kashmir as well as members of Armed Forces, Paramilitary Forces, Central and LTI level police forces for their contribution in maintaining the security and integrity of our nation. In his address, Advisor Bhatnagar said this year our country is celebrating the day under the theme "India — Mother of Democracy" and "Viksit Bharat". He remarked — Mother of Democracy" and "Viksit Bharat". He remarked that in 1950 the Constitution of India came into effect, the constitution or affeed under the visionary leadership of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, not only guaranteed fundamental rights and freedoms but also enshrined the values of justice, equality, and fraternity. Thandikhui Toll Plaza Closed, Toll Rates Increased At Lakhanpur, Bann Plaza

JAMMU: The union government very smartly' shut Thandikhui Toll Plaza on Jammu-Pathankot Nation-al Highway while increasing the toll rate at Lakhankur, Kathua and Bann

rate åt Lakhankur, Kathua and Bann Toll Plaza Jammu.
"The influence length previously covered by Thandikhui has been redistributed among the existing lakhanpur and Bann Toll Plazas, thereby eliminating the need of Thandikhui Toll Plaza, in public interest," said an official notification issued by V P S Jadon, Project Director, National Highways Authority of India,

tof, National regularity, and the decision comes following the issuance of Gazette Notification S.O.302 (E) by the central government on January 19, 2024, as per news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO).

news agency—rasmin recres uspector (RNO).

"As of 8 am on January 26, toll collection at Thandikhui ceases, while toll adjustments have been made at Ban and Lakhanpur toll plazas," the notifications reads. "This decision is a strategic move by NFAI to address the concerns surrounding the Than dikhui toll plaza and enhance the travel experience for commuters between Jammu, Samba, and Kathua."

With the change, the NHAI has increased the toll fee at Lakhanpur and Bann Toll Plazas and the revised user fee rates will come into effect from the morning of Friday, January 26.

At Lakhanpur, Ba

At Lakhanpur toil plaza, the Light
Motor Vehicles will now have to
pay Rs 130 for single journey and
Rs 195 for return journey, while the
rate was Rs 100 and Rs 155 for single and return journey respectively
ill yesterday.
Similarly, Light Commercial Vehicks, Light Coods Carrier and Mini
Buses will have to pay Rs 210 and Rs
315, which were earlier Rs 165 and
Rs 250 for the same. The buses and
trucks with 2 xales will have to shell
out Rs 435 and Rs 655, for single and
return journey, respectively which
was earlier Rs 345 and Rs 520, for
single and return journey, respectively. The three-xde commercial vehicles including HCM. EME and MAV
will shell out Rs 685 and Rs 1030;
whereas the oversized vehicles (7
or more axle) would pay Rs 835 and
1250, for single and return journey,
respectively. Till yesterday, rates for
above category vehicles were Rs 375
and Rs 585; Rs 540 and Rs 815, Rs
660 and 990, for single and return
journeys, respectively.
Similarly, toil fee also hiked at

660 and 990, for single and return journeys, respectively. Similarly, 10ll fee also hiked at Bann toll plaza. The Light Motor Vehicles will now have to pay Rs 170 for single journey and Rs 255 for return journey with a nominal hike of raning 5-10 rupees at Bann Toll Plaza. Earlier, people have to pay Rs 105 for return journey at Bann Toll plaza. The Light Commercial Vehicles, The Light Commercial Vehicles,

Light Goods Carrier and Mini Buses will have to pay Rs 275 and Rs 410, and the buses and trucks with 2 axles will have to shell out Rs 570 and Rs 455, for single and return journercial Vehicles, Light Goods Carrier and Mini Buses were paying Rs 265 and Rs 400, and the buses and rucks with 2 axles were paying Rs 555 and Rs 400, and the buses and rucks with 2 axles were paying Rs 555 and Rs 435, for single and return journey, respectively.

The three-axle commercial vehicles will now pay Rs 520 and Rs 935; the four-axle commercial vehicles will now pay Rs 520 and Rs 935; the four-axle commercial vehicles incling HCM, EME and MAW will shell out Rs 895 and Rs 1340; whereas the oversized vehicles (? or more axle) would pay Rs 1090 and 1035, for single and return journey, respectively.

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1935, 107 Stilge and resum journey, respectively.
Earlier, three-axle commercial vehicles were paying Rs 605 and Rs 910; the four-axle commercial vehicles including HCM, EME and MAV were paying Rs 875 and Rs 1310; whereas the oversized vehicles (7 or more axle) were paying Rs 1065 and 1595, for single and return journey,

1595, for single and return journey, respectively. Situated at Sarore in Samba district on the National Highway 44, the toll plaza at Thandikhui has been a bone of contention for people travelling daily between Jammu, Samba and Kathua districts. It also saw violent protests by people following the damage of a section of highway in the monsoon last year.

CU Kashmir Celebrates 75th Republic Day

KO NEWS SERVICE

GANDERBAL: Central University of Kashmir (CU-Kashmir) Friday celebrated the 75th Republic Day with fervor and enthusiasm. While Prof A Ravinder Nath, the Vice Chancellor CUKashmir and Officiating Director NIT. Srinagar, unfuried the National Flag at NIT, Head Department of Management Studies, Prof. Abdul Gani, unfuried the Tricolour at the Green Campus, in presence of Registrar, Prof. M Afalz Jargar, Controller of Examinations, Dr. Tanweer Ahmad Shah, Dean DSW, Dr. Irian Aalam, faculty members, senior university functionaries and other staff members, at Tulmulla Campus, Dean School of Physical and Chemical Sciences, Prof. Wali Muhammad Shah, unfurled the National Flag, in the presence of Dean Academic Affairs, Prof. Shahid Rasool, Dean School of Lie Sciences, Prof. Muhammad Yousuf, faculty members and other employers.

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Defunct At GMC Handwara Machine to be restored soon: MS

SRINAGAR: The lone CT scan machine at the associated hospital of GMC Handwara in Kupwara district is lying defunct for the last several weeks, causing hardships to patients. Speaking to the news agency, the patients and attendants travelling from remote places of the district expressed their flustration, saving the inon-

frustration, saying the inop-erative CT scan machine has compelled them to visit private labs, which incurs additional

"Not everyone can afford tests at private clinics," said an attendant from Keran, add-ing that the machine must be

repaired at the earliest so that

repaired at the earliest so that the patients do not suffer. Shakeel Ahmad from Hand-wara said that they had high hopes when the medical college was opened and they were expecting the hospital to be understaffed and other issues. They said that the hospital caters to lakhs of people of the district and patients from far off places like Tanghdar, Keran, Macchill and other areas visit the facility.

Medical Superintendent of the facility. Medical Superintendent of the hospital Dr Nisar Wani while acknowledging that the machine has been defunct for the past two weeks said that they are working to get it re-stored—(KNO)

ROC J&K Directs KCCI To Submit 'Not For Profit' License Copy

SRINAGAR: The Registrar of Companies (RoC) J&K has directed the Kashmir Chamber of Commerce & Industry (KCCI) to furnish a copy of the licence to function as a "Not for Profit"

company,
As per the news agency, it
was said that the KCCI was orwas said that the KCCl was of-dered to submit a copy of the licence by the RoC J&K as re-quired under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956 after the same licence was not found in the records.

"The Kashmir Chamber of Commerce & Industry was incorporated in 1937 as a "Not-Or-Profit License Company" under the juris-diction of this office having its registered office situated

at Residency Road, Srinagar, Jammu & Kashmir-190001,

Jammu & Kashmir-1900vs, India.
The company needs to get a license under Section 25 of the Companies Act, 1956 issued by the Competent Authority viz Regional Director (Northern Region), Ministry of Corporate Affairs," read a official communique issued to "the KCCI.

official communique issued to the KCCI.
"It is further observed by this office from the database of the company that License No./ copy of the license is not available in the "D" File/erecord of the company," it added.
Therefore, the Chamber is directed to furnish the licence copy within a week without fail, the communique concluded, (CNS)

Rahul, Jadeja Put India In **Box Seat Against England**

Agencies

HYDERABAD: Fluent half-centuries by K. Rahul and Ravindra Jadeja earned India a sizeable finst-innings lead of 175 and control of the opening test against England on Friday, India, who have not lost a home test series since 2012, finished day two on a commanding 421-7 in their robust reply to England's modest first innings of 246. Jadeja was on 81 at stumps having added 63 runs with Avar Patel who was on 35. After India resumed day two on 119-1, England oppend with partition spinner Joe Root who dismissed the dangerous-looking Yashavi Jaiswal (80) in his first over

dismissed the dangerous-looking Yashasvi Jaiswal (80) in his first over. Jaiswal hit Root's second ball for a four but, two balls later, offered a high return catch to Root, who leapt to pouch the ball.

Rahul got a reprieve when Ben Foakes grassed a tough chance behind the stumps after the batter, yet to open his account, had edged Root.

Root was unlocky again when Shubman Gill mis-cued a shot but Ben Stokes, stationed at mid-off, lost sight of the ball against the



sun. Root was taken out of the attack after four overs in

the attack after four overs in a move as surprising as the decision to not bowl him on Thursday when Jaiswal was toying with the England spinners.

Tom Hartley had particularly suffered at the hands of Jaiswal but the left-arm spinner put that pain behind him and dismissed Gall (23) for his first wicket in international cricket. Rahul smacked two sixes in a Rehan Ahmed

dia's position.
Leg-spinner Ahmed remowed lyer with Hartley
taking the catch in the deep.
The roles were reversed as
the English duo combined
again to dismiss Rahul, who
threw his bat in disgust after pulling a Hartley halftracker to Ahmed when a
hundred seemed there for
the taking.

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Jadeja. who added 68
runs with Srikar Bharat (41)
for the sixth wicket, celebrated his half-century by
twirling the bat in his signature sword-dance style. The judged out - first caught at short leg off Jack Leach and then lbw to Root - but both decisions were overturned

decisions was also involved in an almighty mix-up that led to Ravichandran Ashwin's run-out after both batters ended up at the same end. England bowling coach Jeetan Patel was happy their solinners

end. England bowling coach jeetan Patel was happy with the way their spinners bowled on a "tough day". Leach was used in short spells after the left-arm spinner bumped his knee twice in two days, Patel added.

2 Kashmiri Football Prospects Among **J&K's 10 Most Outstanding Sportspersons**





Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Two young Kashmiri footballers, Sajad Hussain Par-ray and Ahmad Salha Gojri, were among 10 athletes from J&K con-ferred with the Most Outstanding Sportspersons award on 2024 Re-rublic Dvs.

The two footballers have represented India at the international level, Sajad, a left back from Gund Hassi Bhat, Srinagar, plays for Hyderabad FC in Indian Super League and was part of the Indian squad that won the Under-20 SAFF Championship in 2023. Ahmad Salha a

midfielder from Khanabal, Anant-nag, won the 2023 Under-16 SAFF Championship with Team India. The J8k Football Association congratulated the two internation-al footballers. "This incredible achievement is a moment of immense pride for all of us, Sajad Hussain Par-ray and Ahmad Salah's dedication and hardwork have been an inspi-ration to all the footballers and football fraternity," the FA said in a statement.

a statement. The JKFA also thanked Nuzhat Gul, Secretary J&K Sports Council, for her "unconditional support"

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towards football. Both Salha and Sajad were part of the the Sports Council Football Academy. The 10 J86K athletes awarded with the honor, which includes a cash grant of Rs. 51,000 and a ci-tation to each awardee, include: Sheetal Devi (Para Archery), Falail Singh, HC (Mountaineer), Amir Ahmad Bhat (Para Shooting), Rak-shinda Mehak (Deaf Judo), Abdul Salha Sher Cupiri (Football), Sujad Hussain Parray (Football), Suvidha Sarin (Roll Ball), Villayat Hussain (Kayaking & Canoeing), Kyran Gupta (Roller Skating), and Aneesha Sharma (Riffe Shooting).

Sania Mirza Receives Strong Support In Pakistan After Shoaib Malik Divorce



Press Trust of India

KARACHI: Indian tennis super-KARACHI: Indian tennis super-star Sania Mirza has received strong support from people in Palsistan after ex-husband Shoab Malik revealed last week that he was now married to TV actor and model Sana Javed. People on social media have castigated Shoaib and Sana for breaking up their respective mar-riages, with many supporting Sa-nia's decision to seek divorce from the Palsistani cricketer.

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To add fuel to fire, a podcast on news channel Samaa TV claimed that Shoaib and Sana had been having an affair and intimate relations since last three wars despite being married.

The podcast added that Sana had been divorced merely for three months from her former husband Umair jaswal when she tied the knot with Shoaib.

Whenever Shoaib was invited for any shows on the channel, he would appear only on the channel, he would appear only on the channel, he would appear only on the condition that Sana should also be called, the podcast added, "They were having an affair for the last three years and were intimately involved," a producer of the podcast said. "Umair didn't know about this, but Sania and her family and even Shoaib's family came to know about it last year. Efforts were made to resolve the situation but Shoaib didn't listen swere made to resolve the situation but Shoaib and Sania were maried a midst great fanfare in 2010 at Hyderabad (India) while Sana and Umair tied the knot in 2020 in a private ceremony. That Shoaib and Sania are now separated came to light only affect the former cricketer and Sana shared a photograph from their marriage.

Windies Pacemen Ruin Australia's Day In Gripping Pink-Ball Test

BRISBANE: The West Indies and followed up in command-ing fashion with the ball to stun Australia, who trail in the off Josh Hazlewood on the last ball before stumps, leav-ing captain Kraigg Brathwaite unbeaten on three. New opener Steve Smith, thrust into the role after David Warner's retirement, fell to

Cummins, who hammered a career-best 64 not out to pro crowd attending on Australia's national holiday. vide cheer to the 29,216-str



second test by 35 runs after a top-order collapse necessited a counter-attack at the Gabba in Brisbane. Leading 1-0 in the two-game series, the home side recovered from 24-4 to boldly declare 22 runs behind at 289-9 in the night session, after fast bowlers Kemar Roach (3-47) and Alzari Joseph (4-84) inflicted maximum damage.

Having been bowled out earlier in the day after Kevins Sinclair (50) lifted the visitors to 311, the Caribbean batsmen had to tough out 73 overs under lights to reach the days close at 13-1. Opener Tagenator to the control of the con

Cricket Australia in 2021 topped referencing *Austra-Cricket Australia in 2021 stopped referencing "Austra-lia Day" for matches played on Jan. 26 – the 1788 date when the first fleet of British set-tlers arrived in Sydney – after a recommendation from its Indigenous advisory commit-tee. Earlier, the eighth-ranked puriers antagonised the

tee, Earlier, the eighth-ranked tourists antagonised the world test champions with the bat for 18 overs after resuming from 265-8 overnight. An untimely tumble left Roach (8) exposed to a simple through the tour out, prompting Sinclair to attack spinner Nathan Lyon (2-81) and reach 50 with a majestic six over long-on before being stumped off the next ball to end the first innings.

Tanmay Agarwal **Smashes Fastest First** Class Triple-Century





Hyderabad opener Tanmay Agarwal scripted his-

Hyderabad scored close to 11 runs an over, and Tanmay's 11 runs an over, and Tanmay's opening partner Rahul Singh Gahlaut departed for 185 in 105 opening partner (status lungs) and a comparated for 185 in 105 balls. The pair reached 449 for the first wicket, which is also the fifth-best by an Indian pair in first-class cricket. Tannay needs only four more maximums, haying hit 20, to bag most sixes in a single first-class innings. The record is currently held by New Zealand's Colin Munro, who got 23 sixes in 2014/15 during his 281-knock for Auckstand against Central Districts.

If he reaches 443 on Day 2, he will become the Indian batter with the highest first-class score. Bhausaheb Nimbalkar is the current record-holder, registering 443° for Maharashtra in 1948. The overall record is held by Bran Lara (501°) in sheld by Bran Lara (501°) in

is held by Brian Lara (501") in 1994, which also can be broken.

Liverpool Manager Jurgen Klopp Says It Is Time To Leave

Agencies

LIVERPOOL; Jurgen Klopp, one of Liverpool's most successful managers, is leaving the Merseyside club at the end of the season saying he is running out of energy.

"I love absolutely everything about the city, I love everything about the city, I love everything about our supporters, I love the team." I love the staff, "Klopp said in an extended interview on the team's wellow on the team's wellow.

"But that I still take this decision shows you that I

"But that I still take this decision shows you that I am convinced it is the one I have to take. It is that I am., running out of energy, I know that I cannot do the job again and again and again and again and again the S6-year-old's shock announcement comes on the heels of Liverpool reach-



ing the League Cup final on Wednesday and amid a season that has his team in the running for four trophies and sitting atop the Premier League standings.

"After the years we had together and after all the time we spent together and after all the time we went through together, the respect grew for you, the love grew for you and the least I ow you is the least low you is the truth — and that is the

truth," he said.

The German joined Liverpool in October 2015 and has wom the Champions League, Premier League, Chu World Cup, FA Cup, League Cup and Super Cup, as well as the Community Shield during his time in charge.

Klopp has the highest win rate of any manager in Liverpool's history in all competitions at 60.7% and is the only manager

to win each of the Pre-mier League, Champions League, FA Cup and League Cup. He led Liverpool to the Champions League in 2019, and the league title a year later, their first in 30 years and first of the Pre-mier League etc.

a year later, their first in 30 years and first of the Premier League era.
Asked whether he was leaving for health reasons.
Klopp said: "I am healthy, as much as you can (be) at my age. Little bits and bobs, stuff like that, but nothing anybody has to be concerned about, so that's absolutely fine."
Klopp said he was struck by the idea to leave in November while meet-ing with the club about potential signings and next summer's camp.
The thought came up. Tam not sure I am here then anymore' and I was surprised myself by that," he said.

Sinner Books Medvedev Final As Melbourne Park Gears Up For New King

MELBOURNE: The Australian Open will crown a new men's champion after Jannik Sinner shock holder Novak Djokovic to reach the final, where the Italian faces twice runner-up Daniil Medvedee, who came from two sets down to outlast Alexander Zevereo on a thrilling Friday. Sinner roared to a 6-1 6-2 6-7(6).

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-3 win that handed top seed Djokovic his first defeat at Melbourne Park
in six years to move into his maiden Grand Slam title clash. Later on
80d Laver Arena, Russian third seed
Medwedev got past his German opponent 5-7 3-6-7-6(4) 7-6(5) 6-5 for
a second comeback win from two
sets down in the tournament after
he had battled past Emil Ruusuvuori
in the second round.

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Fourth seed Sinner was far more efficient as he provided a master-class in tennis in the opening two sets to put the wheels in motion for Djokovic's only defeat in the semi-finals of his favourite major, it also made the 22-year-old the only player from his nation to reach an Australian Open singles final.



In marking the arrival of a new generation of tennis stars, the Melbourne title clash on Sunday will also be the first since 2005 not titl also be the first since 2005 not titl also bethe Skept Federer and Rafa Nadal. Sinner stunned Djokovic twice in three matches at the end of last season and he made a rollicking start on Rod Lawer Arena by targeting his 36-year-old opponent's shaky serve and error-prone backhand to comfortably win the opening set, Djokovic had not lost at his favourite stomping ground since the 2018 edistomping ground since the 2018 edi-tion when he crashed to South Ko-

rean Chung Hyeon and there were worrying signs for the 10-times Melbourne champion as the 22-year-old Sinner eased through the next set. The Sinner Esunami showed no signs of subsiding in the third set but Djokovic raised his game to remain firm until 5-5 in the tiebreak, when a break in play after a fan fell ill threatened to upset the momentum of both players. Djokovic won the game on a net coxt to inch closer to taking the set but Sinner showed superb tracket control with an overhead smash to force a tiebreak, only to squander a match point at 6-5 only to squander a match point at 6-5 by hitting a forehand into the net.