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'Children Soothed With Digital Devices Could Have Anger Issues In Future'

Press Trust Of India

acifying children by handing them digital devices when they are throwing tantrums can disable them in managing emotions later in life, which can grow into anger management issues, a research has found.

Conversely, parents of children, who already had poor emotional control, were found to be overly relying on electronic devices to silence them, worsening the preexisting conditions.

It is known that a child learns much about self-control, including how to choose a deliberate response over an automatic one, during the first few years of their life.

However, a team of researchers from Hungary and Canada found that the recent trend of distracting children by showing them content on tablets and smartphones to control their unpleasant emotional responses can cripple their ability to effectively recognise and manage emotions later in life.

"Tantrums cannot be cured by digital devices. Children have to learn how to manage their negative emotions for themselves. They need the help of their parents during this learning process, not the help of a digital



device." Veronika Konok, a researcher at Eotvos Lorand University, Hungary, and first author of the study pub-lished in the journal Frontiers in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, said.

Following 300 parents of children -- aged two to five years old over a period of one year -- the research-ers found that children, who were pacified using digital devices, showed poorer anger and frustration management skills. Parents were asked to respond to questionnaires which assessed how they and their children used media.

Conversely, the team also found

that poorer behaviour control in a child meant parents resorting to digital devices more often as a management tool.

The more the children were given devices when they threw tantrums, the lesser they were seen to make a deliberate effort in order to control their behaviour, the authors found.

"It's not surprising that parents more frequently (use digital devices to calm children down) if their child has emotion regulation problems, but our results highlight that this strategy can lead to the escalation of a pre-existing issue," Konok said.

The Jammu And Kashmir **Board Of School Education** New Campus Bemina Srinagar

I have passed/appeared in Secondary School Examination (Class- 10th)under Roll No:. 12800224 Session: Bi-Anl 2023 Year 2023 through the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education. Due to the error committed by the concerned School/parent/ Board against my DOB as 29-09-2007 instead of 20-09-2007

Now, I have applied for correction/rectification of error in the Jammu and Kashmir Board of School Education. New Campus Bernina. Srinagar, if any person has any objection in this regard, may file the same in the office of the Assistant Secretary, Certificates-KD within seven days from the date of Publication of this notice, after the expiry of said period no objection will be entertained. Name: Ibrahim Nazir F/N: Nazir Ahmad Mir

M/N Hameeda Begum DOB: 20-09-2007 **Residence: Unisoo Langate**

W/o Meraj-ul-Din Bhat

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Jammu And Kashmir Public Service Commission

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website:http://jkpsc.nic.in email;jkpscsecretary@gmail.com Solina Srinagar, Kashmir - 190001

Subject: Select List for the post of Assistant Professor, Botany, in **Higher Education Department.**

Notice Dated: 28 .06.2024

Whereas, the Higher Education Department, vide letter no. HE/Coll/Coord/Apptt./A.P./2021 dated 05-07-2021, read with letter no. HED-GAZ/85/2022-04 dated 13-04-2022, referred 4 posts (2OM+1RBA+1SC) of Assistant Professor, Botany, to the Public Service Commission, for selection. These posts were advertised vide notification dated 25-05-2022. The Higher Education Department vide letter no. HED/LEG/75/2021-04 dated 16-06-2022, intimated that the Hon'ble High Court has passed an order on 18-04-2022 that fresh reference if any shall not include the post which is already reserved by this court. The Department requested to keep 02 posts on hold till further orders; and,

Whereas, the advertised posts were withdrawn by the Commission in view of amendments effected, inter-alia, in Rule 45 of J&K PSC(Business and Procedure) Rules, 2021, which lays down criteria for making selection against posts in Higher Education Department. The said 04 posts were re-advertised vide No 06-PSC (DR-P) of 2023 dated 01.03.2023. However, vide notice dated 12-04-2023, two posts in OM category were placed on hold till further orders; and,

Whereas,, 19 more posts were referred by the Higher Education

PROVISION	NAL SELECT L	IST FOR NOTIFICA	TION NO 06-PSC(DI	R-P) OF 2023 DATED 01.03.	2023
RBA CATE	GORY				
01	12	ARIF MAJID	; ABDUL MAJID	C/O ABDUL MAJID VIL- LAGE SHIVA PO SHEWA	69.67
SC CATEGO	ORY				
01	28	JAYOTI DEVI	KARNAIL CHAND	MAKWAL MAKWAL RAMKOT	66.85
		CT LIST FOR NOTI	FICATION NO 17-PSC	C(DR-P) OF 2023 DATED 15	.05.2023
OM CATEG	33	SAJAD AHMAD LONE	MOHD MAQBOOL LONE	35 A NEHALPORA PAT- TAN	78.04
02	47	YOUNAS RASHEED TANTRAY	ABDUL RASHEED TANTRAY	102 KANTHBAGH BARAMULLA	76.35
03	10	BASIT GULZAR	GULZAR AHMAD RATHER	068 CHECKI - CHOL- LEND HERMAN	76.26
04	43	AUBID HUS- SAIN MALIK	ABDUL AHAD MALIK	57 JABLIPORA BIJBE- HARA	75.83
05	51	MOHD YASIN BHAT	MOHD YOUSUF BHAT	18 PINGLENE PUL- WAMA	75.60

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Sr.DEN-IV/FZR acting for and on behalf of The President of India invite: open tenders (E-Tenders) against below titled tenders and available on www.ireps.gov.in with closing date-18.07.2024 up to 15:00 Hrs. Bidders will be able to submit their original/revised bids up to closing date and time only Manual offers are not allowed against. Contractors are allowed to make payments against this tender towards tender document cost and earnes money only through only payment modes available on www.ireps.gov.in portal like net banking, debit card, credit card etc. Manual payments through Demand draft, Banker Cheque, Deposit receipts, FDR etc. are not allowed. For mor ormation logon to www.ireps.gov.in

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Bilkis Sharief D/o Mohd Sharief Bhat mbp R/o Pattan Sariwaripora

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I have applied for the issuance of Fertilizer license under name and style Eliya Fertilizer Wholesale Agency. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Joint Director Of Agriculture Extension Kashmir within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained Mushtaq Ahmad Kumar S/o Gh Rasool Kumar bmg R/o Iskanderpora Beerwah Budgam

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از نیابت پټن

فحوان: درخواست منجانب ضياءالدين تحام ووسيم احمد حجام وبثارت احمد حجام پسران عبدر خيم حجام سا که نہالپور بخصیل پٹن بمرادا جرائی OBC سرٹھکیٹ بحق خود

اشتهار برخاص وعام معامله مندرج عنوان الصدريين سائله نے ايک درخواست بغرض OBC سرطنيكيد بذمره تجام پیش کی ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے اس بارے میں پٹواری حلقہ ہےرپورٹ طلب کی گئی ہے س سے عیاں ہے کہ سائلہ واقعی تجام ذات سے تعلق رکھتی ہے اور سائلان موضع نہالیورہ ں رہائش پذیر ہےاور بھی بھی ترک سکونت نہیں کی ہے ۔ سائلان مذکورہ OBC سرٹفیکیٹ عاصل کرنے کاخواں ہیسائل کا کنبہ بذیل افراد پر شتمال ہے محبدل رحيم حجام ولدعبدل رحمان زمينداري 63 سال مرده بيكم زوجه عبدل رحيم حجام گھريلو کام 56 سال نىياءالدىن تجام ولد عبدل رحيم مزدورى 33 سال وتیم احد تجام ولد۔۔۔ زیر تعلیم 26 سال بشارت احمد تجام ولد۔۔۔ زیر تعلیم 23 سال اس کےعلاوہ اور وکوئی افراد کنبہ نہیں ہے۔ کنبہ کی مہوارہ آمدنی 8200 روپے تک ہے مرٹفیکیٹ زیر بحث اجراءکرنے میں اگر 🛛 کہا گرکس څخص کو کوئی عزریا! عتراض ہوتو وہ بعد مشتہر خبارسات دن کےاندرا ندرآ بنے عذر یاعتراض ودالت ہذا کودفتری ادقات کے دوران پیش کریں .بعد گزرے میعادکویی عذریا عتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔ نائب تخصيلدار FKO ازدفتر نائب تخصيلدار زونيمرسر ينكر عنوان: درخواست از جانب غلام رسول کانٹ ولد مرحوم اتعله کانٹ ساکنة شخ حمذ ه ورق، ورود، صارح ب علم او ورق محدر رو المصلح مع معدر مرد المسلمة مع معالمات معالمات معاملة مع كالونى بذشاه محلّد لال بازار نسبت اجرائى ليگل مير سرتفيك معاملة عنوان السد رمين درخواست ساكل ہے كه اس كاوالد متوفى اتعليه كانٹ ساكنة شخ مَذه كالوني بدرشاه محلّه مورخه 2024-04-27 كوفوت مو چاہے اس نسبت سائل خواہاں ہے کہا سکے قق میں لیگل ہیر سٹیفیکیٹ اجراء فرمائی جائے۔ بروے ۔ پورٹ پٹواری حلقہ متوفی کنہمہ بذیل افراد پ^{رش}تل ہے عمر رشته ىپىشە 79 سال والده عمرر سيده سركاري ملازم غلام رسول کانٹ 55 سال پسر 62سال جمين *گھر*یلوکام 60 سال بمېن ریٹائر ملازم سمت چان 58 سال بہن گھریلوکام وربيجان بل اسکے کیدرخواست سائل پر مذید کاروائی عمل میں لائی جائے۔ ہرخاص دعا م لباجاتا ہے کہا گرکسی تخص کوسٹیفیکیٹ ہذااجراء کرنے میں کوئی عذریااعتراض ہوتو وہ یک ہفتہ کےاندراندردفتر ہٰذامیں پیش کریں۔میعادگز رنے معاد کوئی عذریا اعتر اض قابل قبول نه ہوگا۔ نائب تحصيلدا media line

Department, to the J&K Public Service Commission for selection, vide letter no HED-GAZ/85/2022-04 dated 24.03.2023. These posts were advertized vide Notification No. 17-PSC (DR-P) of 2023 dated 15.05.2023; and.

Whereas, the process of selection was carried forward, and Provisional Select List was issued against all the advertized posts vide Notification No. 74-PSC (DR-S) of 2023 dated 17.10.2023, with the stipulation that the selection is provisional and objections, if any, may be submitted to the Commission within five days for examination and disposal. No claim, whatsoever, shall be entertained after five days from the date of issuance of Notification; and,

Whereas, Mr. Sajad Ahmad Lone and Mr. Aubid Hussain Malik, who were figuring at first and second place, in the merit list against Notification No 06 and first and fourth place in Notification No.17, were provisionally selected, under OM category, against the posts kept on hold in Notification no. 06: and.

Whereas, vide letter no. PSC/DR/AP-Botany/2023 dated 04-04-2024, the Higher Education Department was requested to intimate whether the 2 posts kept on hold till further orders, are available for

selection. The Higher Education Department, vide letter dated 17-05-2024, sought clarification from the Commission as to how these posts were advertised. The reply was furnished to the Department vide letter dated 06-06-2024; and

Whereas, the Department vide letter No.HED-GAZ/176/2023-04 (7225851) dated 20.06.2024, intimated that vide letter dated 06.06.2023, the Public Service Commission made recommendation against two posts and they have been appointed vide Government Order No.50-JK(HE) of 2024 dated 29.01.2024. They requested to furnish the recommendation for appointment against remaining vacancies; and,

Whereas, consequently, in view of the reply from Higher Education Department, the select list against Notification No. 06-PSC (DR-P) of 2023 dated 01.03.2023 and Notification No 17-PSC(DR-P) of 2023 dated 15.05.2023 issued vide Notification No. 74-PSC (DR-S) of 2023 dated 17.10.2023, requires to be redrawn and last 2 candidates in the provisional select list against Notification no 17 in OM category, namely Mr. Tajamul Islam (BD no 61) and Ms. Ritika Jamwal(BD no 16), to be excluded; and,

Whereas, a representation was received from Mr. Arun Kumar Khajuria, bearing BD No. 34, against rejection of his candidature under EWS category, in Provisional Select list; and,

Whereas, his representation in under examination in the Commission and, as such, Select List against one post in EWS category shall be issued separately after examination and disposal of the representation

Now, therefore, in view of facts and circumstances stated herein-above, the Select List against 2 posts(01 RBA+01 SC) in Notification No. 06-PSC (DR-P) of 2023 dated 01.03.2023 and 18 posts in Notification No 17-PSC(DR-P) of 2023 dated 15.05.2023, is hereby, drawn in the following manner:

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07	04	ROSHI SHARMA	MADAN LAL SHARMA	49 SUNDERBANI SUNDERBANI	74.90
08	41	ARSHID HUS- SAIN GAN IE	GH HASSAN GANIE	ARREH NELLOW KULGAM	74.13
09	57	MUDASIR IRFAN DAR	ALI MOHAMMAD DAR	ABU BAKAR COLONY PAHROO B.K PORA	73.90
RBA CATEGOI	RY				
1	44	MOHD ASHRAF LONE	AB SALAM LONE	43 GUNDIJAFFER SA- DOORA ANANTNAG	68.42
2	59	SUHAIL BASHIR	BASHIR AHMAD MIR	168 HEEWAN NAR- VAW	67.00
SC CATEGOR	Y				
1	9	NEHA	SURAM CHAND	W NO 5 LOWER SUNTHAN SUNTHAN JAGANOO MORH UDHAMPUR TEHSIL UDHAMPUR	59.94
ST CATEGOR	Y				
1	37	ZAHOOR AH- MAD BHAT	GH MOHI U DIN BHAT	201 GULSHANPORA BAGTORE GUREZ	66.35
2	7	AKSAR ALI CHOWD- HARY	GHULAM HUS- Sain	00 R/O PRORI KOTERANKA	61.08
ALC CATEGOR	v				
1	1	JAVID AH- MAD MIR	AURANGZEB MIR	21 DHANGR1 MANDI	66.06
SLC CATEGOR	8Y				
1	48	Mehrajud- Din Talie	GHULAM RA- SOOL TALIE	67 NAID KHA1 SONAWARI hajin	67.75
PSP CATEGO	RY				
1	18	IQBAL RASHID MIR	ABDUL RASHID MIR	56 KAROYIUN NAMBLA URI	69.83
EWS CATEGO	RY	1	1	1	1
2	8	ABBU ZAID	SHOKET HUS- SAIN	332 QILLA MOHALLA BHADARWAH	61.65
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LG Flags Off First Batch Of Over 4000 Pilgrims From Jammu

J&K Police A Sword Against Terrorism: DGP

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Describing the Jammu and Kashmir Police as a sword in the fight against terror, its chief R R Swain on Friday said no war against a terror ecosystem can be won without the police.

Pointing to a series of recent terror attacks in the Union Territory, the DGP said terrorists can neither defeat the force nor diminish its resolve. He made the remarks at

an event to regularise nine special police officers to the rank of constables, recognizing their contributions in eliminating two terrorists in the Hiranagar border belt of Kathua district.

"The Jammu and Kashmir Police is like a sword against the terror ecosystem. If this sword, which belongs to the people, is not properly maintained, victory in this war against terrorism cannot be achieved," Swain said.



He said the Union government has also realized the importance of the police and is working to support them accordingly.

Two terrorists and a CRPF jawan were killed while a civilian was injured in an encounter between security forces and militants in Saida Sukhal village in Kathua district's Hiranagar area near the International Border on June 12.

The DGP said while terrorists may | More on Pll

JKP To Arm Up With Israeli, **German Weapons**

ammu and Kashmir's Director General of Police (DGP) R R Swain Friday said that to counter the terrorists holding modern weapons, the police is procuring latest arms from Israel and Germany to boost the weaponry of the force. Talking to reporters on the side-lines of a function where nine special police officers (SPOs) were regularised for their brave role in Kathua | More on P11



WHILE TERRORISTS MAY INFLICT SOME HARM, they cannot defeat the police forces and their resolve. "Rest assured, we will defeat them. It is our resolve."

Delhi Airport Roof Collapse **All Airports To Be Audited:** Minister

Observer News Service

Jammu: Amid a surcharged religious atmosphere, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha flagged off the first batch of 4603 Amarnath Yatra pilgrims from the Amarnath Yatra base camp in Jammu on Friday

Before flagging off the first batch of Amarnath Yatra pilgrims, LG Manoj Sinha also offered special prayers at the temple.

The 52-day long pilgrimage Yatris Accorded

to the cave shrine at a height of about 13,000 feet in South Kashmir Himalayas will commence from the twin trackstraditional 48 km Nunwan-Pahalgam route in Anantnag and 14-km shorter but steep Baltal route in Ganderbal on June 29. After flagging off the first

batch, in a media address, LG Manoj Sinha said, "First batch of Amarnath Yatra pilgrims have departed from Jammu. In the last 3-4 years, a lot of arrangements | More on P11

Amarnath Yatra Is Symbol Of Unity: LG

Seeks Support Of Locals For Peaceful Pilgrimage

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Amarnath Yatra is a symbol of faith and unity, and the people of Jammu and Kashmir feel privileged to be part of the holy pilgrimage, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha said here on Friday.

Sinha attended an event organised by civil society, trade fraternity and citizens at Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre (SKICC) here to welcome pilgrims of Amarnath Yatra.

The first batch of pilgrims reached the valley on Friday.

"Glad to have attended an event organised by civil society, trade fraternity & citizens to welcome

he first batch of the annual Amarnath Yatra with 4,603 pilgrims reached the Kashmir valley on Friday amid stringent security arrangements, officials said. Local Muslims joined senior officials of police and civil administration at several places to welcome the yatris, who were flagged off from the Bhagwati Nagar Jammu base camp early morning, upon their arrival in the valley, they added. The yatra convoys received rousing welcome from the administration and the people on their way to Kashmir and the pilgrims were welcomed with garlands in Kulgam, Anantnag, Srinagar, and Bandipora districts, the officials said. | More on P11



pilgrims of Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra. People feel privileged to be part of holy pilgrimage and contributing to make the journey safe and a truly fulfilling spiritual experience," the LG said on X.

He said the spiritual journey to the holy cave is the symbol of faith and unity.

"For centuries, it has been | More on Pll

Jammu: In view of the two-

month long Amarnath Yatra

that commenced from here

on Friday, the Indian Railways

will add train trips to Jammu

and also launch new trains

from July 3 besides increasing

the frequency of train trips between Banihal to Badugam.

Railway officials said that,

to facilitate convenience of

pilgrims visiting Jammu from

across the country for the

pilgrimage, Indian

annual

"We believe that this level of

Mirza Waheed's Bestseller Comes To Life **First Poster Of 'The Collaborator' Movie Is Out, Anticipation Grows**

Observer News Service

Rousing

Reception

Srinagar: The highly anticipated movie adaptation of Mirza Waheed's novel, "The Collaborator," has just released its first official poster. Sharing the poster, the celebrated London-based Kashmiri writer wrote, "We have a poster for The Collaborator.'

Readers who had do the book eagerly dissected the poster's imagery, searching for clues about the film's portrayal of Kashmir. The poster is a striking vi-

to count the corpses. Each day, he fears discovering one of his friends among the dead.

This poignant detail underscores the themes of loss, survival, and the haunting aftermath of war that the movie promises to explore.

Overall, the poster has received a positive reaction from people in Kashmir who extended their love to the write and said they are eagerly waiting for the film's release.

Railways To Add Special Trains, Trips To J&K





New Delhi: Bharti Airtel on Friday announced a 10-21 per cent hike in prepaid and postpaid mobile tariffs, a day after larger rival Reliance Jio announced an increase in rates.

The move assumes signifi-cance, as it marks the first major increase in tariffs by the telecom industry, in two-and-a-half years. Airtel's tariff hike across various plans ranges from 10-21 per cent, and will be effective from July 3.

While the rate of daily data add-on (1GB) will see an increase by Rs 3, rising from Rs 19 to Rs 22, in the case of 365-day validity plan offering 2GB/day, the increase works out to as high as Rs 600, as rates are set to rise from Rs 2,999, all the way to Rs 3,599.

In the unlimited voice plan category, tariff has been raised from Rs 179 to Rs 199, marking a Rs 20 increase in this 28-day validity plan that offers 2GB of data to users.

"We have ensured that there is a very modest price increase (less than 70 paise per day) on entrylevel plans, in order to eliminate any burden on budget challenged consumers," Airtel said announcing revision in its mobile tariffs.

Bharti Airtel said it has maintained that the mobile Average Revenue Per User (ARPU) needs to be upwards of Rs 300, to enable a financially healthy business model for telcos in India.

ARPU will enable the substantial investments required in network technology and spectrum and of-fer a modest return | More on P11



KO Web Desk

New Delhi:Expressing his condolences to the family of the taxi driver who was killed after a portion of the roof collapsed at Delhi Airport's Terminal 1 on Friday morning, Civil Aviation Minister Ram Mohan Naidu has said that the ministry swung into action immediately and

the terminal as a precautionary measure. Speaking to NDTV. Mr Naidu - who took charge of the ministry on June 13 - also listed the

everyone was evacuated from

steps that the government is taking to ensure that the tragedy does not happen again and emphasised that the safety and comfort of | More on P11

Kashmir-born Vikram Misri **Is New Foreign Secretary**

Observer News Service

New Delhi: Deputy national security adviser Vikram Misri will replace Vinay Kwatra as the next foreign secretary, the government announced on Friday. Kwatra, who was given a sixmonth extension in service in March, is expected to become the next envoy to the US.

Appointments "The Committee of the Cabinet has approved the appointment of Misri, Deputy NSA in the National Security Council Secretariat, to the post of Foreign Secretary with effect from July 15," said the order issued by the Personnel Ministry.

It also approved the curtail-ment of Misri's tenure as the deputy NSA.

Born on November 7, 1964, in Srinagar, Vikram Misri graduated with a degree in History



from Hindu College, University of Delhi. He later earned an MBA from XLRI, Jamshedpur.

Vikram Misri, an Indian Foreign Service (IFS) officer from the 1989 batch, served as private secretary to three prime ministers: Narendra Modi, Manmohan Singh, and Inder Kumar Gujral.

During his career, Misri has served in both the External Affairs Ministry | More on P11

sual, dominated by the stern and fierce expression of a young man. His intense gaze, set against a backdrop of rugged mountains, immediately captures the viewer's attention. The design merges his shoulders seamlessly into the mountainous terrain. In the foreground, a chilling

MeT Predicts

Rain In J&K

Observer News Service

and Kashmir till July 5.

many places in Jammu divi-

sion is expected till June 30

and light rains are expected

Meteorological department

(MeT), Dr Mukhtar Ahmad

said that the intensity of

rainfall will gradually in-

crease from July 02 to July 05. "There is a possibility of intermittent light to moder-

ate rainfall at many places

while the possibility of heavy

showers at few places for a

brief period cannot be ruled

out from July 02 to July 05,"

Moreover, he said that the

landslides and mudslides are

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Director

at few places in Kashmir.

However,

he added.



scene unfolds. Scattered across a desolate valley are numerous bodies, and among them, a solitary figure is seen searching through one of the corpses. This figure seemingly rep-

resents the boy central to Waheed's story, forced to collaborate and enter the valley

Notably, Mulberry Films, a production house from the US, has joined hands with Metro Productions from Georgia to bring the acclaimed author's narrative set against Kashmir's tumultuous political backdrop in the 1990s, to life on the silver screen.

"The first novel I wrote many years ago is being adapted into a film," Mirza Waheed wrote on X | More on Pll

Sign Of A Strained Healthcare System? **Kashmir Grapples With High Ambulance Births**

Agencies

Despite Srinagar: ing efforts by the Health Department of Jammu and Srinagar: Amid the soaring temperature, the weatherman has forecast the pos-Kashmir to ensure safe deliveries and reduce maternal sibility of rain and thundershower towards late night mortality rates, a significant and early morning in Jammu number of births continue to occur in ambulances within According to the weaththe Kashmir division. erman, light to moderate at

From the beginning of 2020 to May 2024, a total of 158 children were born in 108 ambulances across various districts in Kashmir.

As per a local agency, statistics reveal a concerning trend of ambulance deliveries in several districts: Bandipora: 32 referred cases, 5 home-tohospital cases, Ganderbal: 24 referred, 10 home-to-hospital, Kupwara: 24 referred, 10 home-to-hospital, Kulgam: 20 referred, 1 home-to-hospital, Budgam: 12 referred, 9 hometo-hospital, Baramulla: 11 referred, 5 home-to-hospital, Shopian: 11 referred, 5 hometo-hospital, Anantnag: 9 referred, 2 home-to-hospital, Pulwama: 3 referred, 4 hometo-hospital and Srinagar: 7



referred, 2 home-to-hospital In a recent incident in Bandipora, a pregnant woman referred from the district hospital had to deliver her baby in a 108 ambulance. Her husband expressed frustration with the referral system, stating that the district hospital should have been equipped to handle the delivery, thereby avoiding the risks associated with ambulance births.

National Health The Mission (NHM) aims for 100 percent safe deliveries and reduced maternal mortality, yet the high number of ambulance births in Kashmir raises

concerns about the effectiveness of the healthcare system. Many of these cases involve patients being referred from local medical centers to district hospitals and, subsequently, to urban hospitals, often leading to emergency births en route.

This referral overload is particularly burdensome for urban hospitals, which are already strained by high patient volumes. For instance, in the main maternity hospital in Srinagar, SMGS, 50 to 60 delivery cases are handled daily, including 5 to 10 referrals. The hospital | More on P11

increase the frequency of two festival special trains running from Jammu.

They said that a total of 18 trips of train number 04075-04076 New Delhi-Shri Mata Vaishno Devi-New Delhi reserved festival special train have been increased and this train will run from July 3 to August 1.

The train will depart from New Delhi Railway Station twice a week, every Wednesday and Sunday, and from Shri Mata Vaishno | More on P11

Uproar In Parliament On NEET Issue Agencies

New Delhi:The opposition continued its strident pitch on the alleged irregularities in the NEET examination with the Congress and other parties demanding a discussion on the floor of the house. With the government insisting on first completing the motion of thanks to the presidential address both houses were adjourned with the Lok Sabha adjourned till Monday, July 1, 11 AM.

Taking potshots at Rajya Sabha chairman Jagdeep Dhankar, Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge said "On entering the Well of Rajya Sabha, Rajya Sabha LoP Mallikarjun Kharge said, "It is his (Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar's) mistake...I went inside to draw his attention. But even then he was not looking... I was drawing attention. He was only looking at the ruling party. When I draw his attention as per the rules, he should look at me, but instead, he deliberately ignored me to insult me. So what was left for me? So to draw attention I would have to either go inside or shout very loudly. So I will say that it is Chairman Sahab's mistake. I say that he should not do this and | More on P11

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Bazar Masjid Reverberates With Sermons On Friday

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The historic Bazar Masjid, despite being reduced to ashes in the massive blaze earlier this week, has yet again witnessed a huge rush of the worshippers, who offered the mandatory Friday congregational prayers at the Masjid.

Amidst the scorching heat, the absence of roof, windows, doors and other necessary stuff didn't deprive the large chunk of population from offering the mandatory congregational prayers as the people in large offered prayers in an open where special prayers were made for the fire affected people this afternoon.

The Masjid management and the locals after cleaning the Masjid vicinity had made temporary arrangements for the devotees for the mandatory congregational prayers.

fundraising Special appeal was made for rebuilding of both residential houses and the mosque burnt in the devastating fire on the occasion.

Today's sermon was all about unity and trial. And we prayed before almighty Allah to help us in coming out of this trouble. A fund-raise appeal was also made for houses and Masjid damaged in the massive blaze," a senior functionary of Masjid said.

devastating The Bohri Kadal fire on Monday earlier this week re-

duced properties worth crores to ashes, the massive fire also engulfed the over century old historic Bazar Masjid in downtown Srinagar.

The massive damage has left people in deep shock and grief. The mosque as per some locals from the area was built around 1920, and has been an iconic center for Islamic learning and a pillar of the community for decades in the region.

Amaan, a local resident from the area told KNO that the Bazar Masjid had a capacity to hold over 2400 worshippers, and has long been revered for its significant role in Islamic education. "It was here Moulana Ghulam that Nabi Mubarakpuri, a respected scholar, delivered early Islamic teachings and sermons," he said. He said that the estab-

lishment of the mosque has been an epicenter of religious and educational activities in the region. The Masjid also housed an Islamic seminary where many students were pursuing religious studies.

The fire, which broke out around Monday afternoon, quickly spread through the mosque and to the surrounding area. Despite the efforts of firefighters, the blaze not only consumed the Masjid but also damaged 3 shopping complexes and over 10



SANJY-2024: DC Srinagar **Welcomes First Batch Of Pilgrims**

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In a gesture of hospitality, the first batch of Shri Amarnathji Yatra pilgrims was received by Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, as they reached Pantha

Chowk in Srinagar on Friday. The inaugural group of pilgrims embarking on the sacred Amarnath Yatra was greeted with an enthusiastic reception from local authorities. Deputy Commissioner (DC)

Srinagar Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, Senior Superintendent of Police (SSP) Srinagar Ashish Kumar Mishra, and other civil and police officials were present to extend their greetings to the pilgrims.

'The Amarnath Yatra is a significant event for us, and we are committed to ensuring the safety and comfort of all pilgrims," stated DC Srinagar. "We welcome all the devotees with open hearts and are here to support them throughout their journey, he said.

The district administration has put in place comprehensive arrangements to ensure the smooth conduct of the Yatra. The elaborate preparations include enhanced security measures, medical facilities, and logistical support to cater to the needs of the pilgrims, DC said.

He said the pilgrims can embark on their spiritual journey to the Amarnath cave with the assurance that the local authorities are committed to their well-being and safety.

Div Com Visits Integrated Control & Command Centre

rinagar: With the official commencement of holy pilgrimage of Shri Amarnathji Yatra 2024, the Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri today visited Integrated Control & Command Centre HMT, Srinagar to assess the readiness of the centre to help in the smooth and successful conduct of yatra.

During his visit, Div Com interacted with the officers and

officials, and enquired about the preparations by their respective departments for ensuring comfortable journey of pilgrims.

He instructed designated officers to keep themselves updated with the logistics and responsibilities of their departments at base camps to provide devotees regular and timely services

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This Day In History

- 1916-Boeing aircraft flies for 1st time
- 1929- 1st high-speed jet wind tunnel completed Langley Field Ca
- 1932- USSR & China sign non-aggression treaty
- 1943- US forces landed at Nassau Bay, near Salamaua, New Guinea
- 1943- Germany begins withdrawing U-boats from North Atlantic in anticipation of the Allied invasion of Europe
- 1949- US troops withdraw from Korea after WW II 1961- Launch of Transit 4a, with 1st nuclear power
- supply (SNAP-3) 1966- In the Vietnam War, US planes bombed Hanoi
- & Haiphong for 1st time 1966-US bombs fuel storage facilities near North Vietnamese cities
- 1967- Israel removes barricades, re-unifying Jerusalem
- 1972- USSR launches Prognoz 2 into earth orbit (549/200,000 km)
- 1981- Bomb attack on headquarters of Islamic Party in Teheran, 72 killed
- 1985-NASA launches Intelsat VA F-11
- 2002- Naval clashes between South Korea and North Korea lead to the death of six South Korean sailors and sinking of a North Korean vessel.

One-Day Workshop On Awareness Of New Criminal Laws Organized At KU

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Police in Srinagar organized a one day workshop on the awareness of New Criminal Laws at Ibni-Khaldoon Auditorium Hall, Kashmir University Srinagar under Civic Action Program.

The event was attended by more than 200 students and the faculty members of Kashmir University including Registrar Kash. mir University Srinagar Dr. Naseer Iqbal, Head and Dean School of Law Kashmir University Professor Shri Mohammad Hussain & Police officers including SP City Hazratbal Zone

Srinagar Shri Hilal Khaliq Bhat-JKPS.

nearby houses.

On the occasion, SDPO Zakura Shri Ashiq Hussain-JKPS delivered a lecture on New Criminal Laws and the impact of these laws to revamp the Indian Criminal Justice System. Further ground discussions were held and insights on the provision of New Criminal Laws, their implementation/ Practice to bring Indian Criminal System in line with the modern era by increasing its effectiveness. The faculty staff and students appreciated the efforts of Srinagar Police for organizing the workshop.

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e-NIT NO: CEO/IT&C/04 of 2024

For and on behalf of Lt. Governorof U.T of Jammu and Kashmir, e-Tenders (in two cover system) are invited by Chief Executive Officer, IT&C Division KPDCL for Providing Services of "Annual Maintenance Contract (AMC)/Technical support of Schneider Make 10TR Precision AC's (PAC's) installed at server rooms of Data Center and SCADA Control CenterBemina, Srinagar Kashmir for a period of one year".

Dated:28-06-2024

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Name Is Shabir Ah Dar S/O Mohammad Ramzan Dar R/O Yadipora Palhallan And Mistakenly My Fathers Name Was Mentioned In Driving License As Ali Mohd Dar Now I Want To Correct It As Mohammad Ramzan Dar.

In This Regard If Anybody Have Any Objection He/She May Contact RTO Sopore Within 7 Days After That No Objection Will Be Entertained. fko

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The tender document is available on website http://jktenders.gov.in. Interested bidders may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online upto the date and time mentioned in the table below:

 Date of issue of Tender Notice	28/06/2024
Date & Time of downloading of Standard Bidding Document	29/06/2024; 04:00 PM
Clarifications start date	29/06/2024;04:30 PM
Clarifications end date	02/07/2024;02:00 PM
e-Bid submission (start) date & time (Submission of e-tender	02/07/2024; 02:30 PM
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e-Bid submission (end) date & time (Submission of e-tender	18/07/2024 ;04:00 PM
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Venue of opening of technical Bids	Office of the Chief Executive Officer, IT & C division
	, KPDCL
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	eligible bidders
EstimatedCost	Rs8,20,204/=
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	refundable)
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) PDD Complex Bemina Kashmir
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AlltherequireddocumentsexcludingPriceSchedule/BOQ shouldbeuploaded by thee-Bidderelectronically in the PDF format, whereasPriceSchedule/BOQ should be uploaded electronically in the same BOQ sheet provided with the SBD.

To participate in e-bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' class III (b) as per Information Technology Act-2000, to participate in online bidding.

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S/d-**Chief Executive Officer** IT&C Division KPDCL

BJP, Bar Call 2-Day Jammu Bandh Against Autonomy

From KO Archives

Rajinder Singh

AMMU: Effigies of the union home minister, L K Advani, and the chief minis-ter, Dr Farooq Abdullah, were burnt when thousands of people, mostly gujjars, staged a demonstration to protest at the border town of Poonch today against the adoption of the autonomy resolution by the state assem¬bly on Monday. They burnt the erased slo-gans like, "We want peace, development and employment, not au¬tonomy"

Reports reaching here said the demonstrators marched through various streets in the border town and submitted a memorandum to the deputy commissioner demanding rejec¬tion of the autonomy report.

Meanwhile, work in courts was disrupted for the second day today following boycott called by the Jammu Bar Associa tion in protest against the adoption of the autonomy resolution by the state legislature. The boycott will continue tomorrow. While the BJP has called for a bandh on Friday, the Panun Kashmir follows suit on Saturday. The decision for Jammu bandh on Friday was taken at an emer-gency meeting of the state BJP leaders here today.

According to reports, the au¬tonomy resolution has evoked widespread resentment among the people of the region who de¬scribed it as a political drama' under a 'secret agree ment between the National Conference (NC) and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP).

Prominent leaders of gujjars and other scheduled cast com-munities described the au-tonomy report as a 'dan-gerous move to deprive them of the rights and privileges provided under article 338,339,340,341 and 342 of the Indian constitu-tion which the report has rec-ommended to be abolished'. The leaders included Guijar United Front president. Anwar Chaudhry, Ch. Muhammad Siraj, Shah Muhammad and Ch Culzar Ahmad.

Barring the BJP, reports said, all the political parties and other organisations have demanded the dismissal of the Farooq Abdullah government and holding of fresh elections 'as

the ruling party has lost its rep¬resentative character. Though the BJPs state unit has demanded that the Centre should reject the autonomy reso¬lution in parliament when it comes up for its discussion, they are reported to be incensed at what they described as the criminal silence' of me party high command over the chief minis-ter's 'anti-national' move

The non-BJP parties alleged there was a secret pact be tween the BJP and NC as both the - parties would exploit the issue during the ensuing snap polls in the state which are consid-ered to be round the comer. The BJP will exploit it in Jammu region to woo the Hindu major¬ity while the NC will make it the main, election plank in the valley, they alleged.

Observers are of the opinion Farooq Abdullah may very soon recommend dissolution of the state assembly and a snap poll as he is believed to be under tre¬mendous pressure in the wake of the on-going moves of the Centre to start a dialogue with the All Parties Hurriyat Conference (APHC). Various political groups in the Jammu province have pro-jected toe demand for separate statehood for Jammu and supported the Ladakhis call for un¬ion territory status for toe region

(Kashmir Observer, June 29, 2000)

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'Expect 10 To 20 Percent Hike In **Commercial Cocoon Production'**

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Ajaz Ahmad Bhat Director Sericulture J&K on Friday said that the department has achieved success this summer season in producing quality seed cocoons and projected a 10 per cent to 20 per cent increase in commercial cocoon production compared to last vear.

made these remarks He inspecting Grainage while Operations at the Manager Seed, Main Grainage, Tulsi Bagh, Srinagar.

The inspection was aimed to assess the F1 Hybrid Silkworm Seed operations being conducted at the Grainges at Srinagar. During his visit,

He emphasized that ensuring quality in Silkworm Seed production is a crucial element for enhancing the viability and output of silkworm cocoon production in the region indigenously.

The Director has informed that in this Summer Season the department has embarked to produce quality silkworm seed locally which will not only augment the seed production capacity of the Grainages and Seed Stations of the Department but also support silkworm rearers to boost silkworm cocoon production across J&K, reads a statement issued.

Bhat also addressed the ongoing Cocoon Auction Market in the Jammu division and announced plans to organize similar markets in every district of the Kashmir division.

This initiative aims to provide silkworm rearers and farmers with accessible platforms to sell their cocoon produce, thereby boosting their income and market reach.

Furthermore, the Director exhorted District Sericulture Officers to ensure the timely completion of construction works and other departmental operations on time. He stressed the importance of meeting this year's targets and providing comprehensive as-

sistance to silkworm rearers to provide the benefits of various departmental schemes to them effectively. Bhat urged silkworm rearers, farmers, and the youth to actively engage with the department, provide feedback, and take advantage of the various schemes and training programs offered to them by the depart-

ment. This includes the Holistic Agriculture Development Program (HADP), which aims to foster a more integrated approach to agricultural development and under which the government has been providing sufficient funds to the Sericulture Department for the purpose.

Naya Jammu Kashmir **Short Film Making Contest: DIPR Declares Winners**

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Department of Information and Public Relations (DIPR) declared the winners of 'Naya Jammu Kashmir Short Film Making Competition – an initiative to promote local talent and showcase the development in J&K. The entries for the contest

were shortlisted and judged by the jury comprising renowned Bollywood filmmakers Padma Shri Madhur Bhandarkar and Mrighdeep Singh Lamba.

Outstandingly well crafted "Melting Stones" by Ompal Singh Sambyal secured the top rank in the contest followed by Sandeep Bhagal's "I am Valmiki" and Sumaiya Mir's "Women Athletes of Kashmir" clinching the second and third place respectively.

The consolation prize winners include Atul Vinod Duggal for "Viksit Jammu Kashmir", Irtizah Yousuf and Mantasha Binti Zahoor for "Naya Kashmir" and Raghunandan Singh Charak for "Unicorn". The selected films, show-

casing the talent and creativcluded on a very positive note.



ity of the artists from Jammu and Kashmir, will be screened identifying local talent, enshortly. Director Information and Public Relations, Jatin Kishore,

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couraging them and giving them a platform to showcase their unique skills and imcongratulated the winners mense potential to the fullest. and the other participants of The competition also envisthe completion. He also exaged showcasing of the posipressed gratitude towards the tive developments and progjury members for shortlisting ress achieved in Jammu and and selecting the outstanding Kashmir through the lens of local filmmakers.

The event caught the imagination of the local artists and filmmakers, who participated in large numbers in the competition with great enthusiasm.

Fifty Years After the Emergency, **Congress Still Bears The Burden: Tarun Chugh**

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In a step to bolster party unity and prepare for the upcoming Assembly polls, BJP National General Secretary and In-charge of Jammu & Kashmir, Tarun Chugh, convened a seminar at Church Lane in Srinagar today. Stressing the importance of grassroots organization for the upcoming Assembly polls, Chugh urged the workers to fortify the party's presence. Reflecting on the 50th an-

niversary of the Emergency imposed in 1975, Chugh highlighted its lasting impact on Indian democracy. He noted, "It has been 50 years since the imposition of the Emergency in this country. Yet, the Congress Party still bears the burden of this sin. Why do they become so agitated and restless whenever this issue is discussed? It is essential to tell the country why the Emergency was imposed, statement issued to Kashmir Observer.

Chugh recounted the events leading up to the Emergency, beginning with the Allahabad High Court's invalidation of Indira Gandhi's election from Rae Bareli. Indira Gandhi's election was invalidated by the Allahabad High Court, leading her to seek a stay from

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the Supreme Court, which did not grant a complete stay. This legal predicament set the stage for the imposition of the Emergency.

"Those who murdered democracy during the Emergency now hypocritically claim to be its guardians," said Chugh. "It is outrageous that the very people responsible for that dark chapter in our history now present themselves as the protectors of democratic values.'

"Leaders like Lok Nayak Jayaprakash Narayan, Atal Bihari Vajpayee, Lal Krishna Advani, and many others were arrested," he recounted. "Press censorship was imposed, and the publication of Indian Express was shut down. No one could write or say anything against the government. Thousands were forcibly sterilized, and Turkman Gate in Delhi was destroyed.

Highlighting the judicial compromises during this period, Chugh pointed out the example of Justice H.R. Khanna. He said, "Justice H.R. Khanna, who stated that fundamental rights cannot be suspended even during an Emergency, was not allowed to become the Chief Justice of India. RSS volunteers in jail were tortured, leading to many deaths."

VC National Commission For Safai Karamcharis **Pattan Locals Demand Chairs Meet At J&K Bank Headquarter Observer News Service**

SRINAGAR: As part of her twoday visit to Srinagar, Vice Chairperson, National Commission for Safai Karamcharis (NCSK), Union Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Anjna Panwar today chaired a special meeting convened by the J&K Bank (Convener UTLBC) to discuss the welfare of sanitation/cleaning personnel working in the banks in Jammu and Kashmir.

Held at the Bank's corporate headquarter, the meeting was attended by MD (J&K Women's Development Corporation) Ulfat Jabeen, Bank's General Manager (Convener UTLBC) Syed Rais Maqbool, DGM Manju Gupta, DGM Rafi Ahmed Mir representatives of all the banks operating in J&K, senior government officers, Safai Karamcharis and other Bank officials.

Stressing upon the need to be more responsive to the concerns of Safai Karamcharis, Vice Chair-



Organizations as principal employers need to be more sympathetic towards the well-being of Safai Karamcharis/Cleaning Workers besides taking responsibility to monitor their conditions to ensure that they are not exploited by the

ment of sanitation/cleaning workers on recomendatory basis, On behalf of the participants. she said the banks need to see congratulating Prime whether their wages are sufficient to feed their families, educate Minister Narendra Modi for the third term in office, she recoltheir kith and kin besides meeting lected that the Prime Minister their medical requirements. She had started his first term with further said, "Being sensitive to Swachh Bharat Mission, which the basic needs of such sections of cannot be achieved without our society is the first step that we Safai Karamcharis. "Our prime all need to take to create a healthy minister has felicitated Safai and more inclusive society."

a satisfactory level of compliance concerning the adoption Karamcharis many times. His of Computerized Billing Systems actions are a message to all the (CBS) within pharmacies and ascertain the quality parameters of citizens that Safai Karamcharis drugs, the Drug Control Author-ity (DCA) on Friday launched inmust be recognised and respected for their noble work of keeping our environs clean", she said. tensive inspections in far-flung While advocating for engageplaces of Yarikhah, DK Marg and

other areas of DH Pora in south Kashmir's Kulgam district. As per the news agency CNS, the DCA spokesperson said that the inspections were carried out by a team of officials from the Tehsil office DK Marg, Executive Magistrate (Tehsildar DHPora) besides other officials. "Strict directions were passed to the chemists of the area to

tems in their premises for bringing transparency in sale and purchase records. On the occasion, nine drug samples were lifted to ascertain their quality parameters and six medical shops were sealed for violation of conditions of licenses and other norms.Records of Schedule H/H1 drugs were checked on spot and several show-cause notices were issued where the discrepancy was found," the

DCA spokesperson said. It is worthwhile to mention that the Drug Administration has adopted a zero-tolerance approach to misusing any habit-forming drug, and has taken many stringent measures like launching prosecutions, and suspension/ cancellation of licenses to deal with such incidents. (CNS)

DDC Baramulla Training Program On '3 New Criminal Laws' Held At Handwara

the discussions.

Compensation For Felled Orchard Trees

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Scores of locals Friday staged a protest on the Srinagar-Baramulla National Highway in north Kashmir's Pattan area against allegedly "withholding" compensation for trees chopped down in their orchards for road widening.

The aggrieved locals assembled on the Srinagar-Baramulla National Highway raised slogans against the authorities for not releasing compensation to them "after several orchard trees were cut down to widen the road."

They alleged that the trees falling on their property were cut down without seeking their consent and lashed the concerned authorities' temerity for leaving them to beg for compensation.

Fuming over the issue, the protesting locals halted the construction work of roads, unfolding a chaos-like situation in the area.

"First our trees were felled without letting us know and now we are being deprived of compensation promised to us," locals said

While talking to Tehsildar Pattan Dr Haroon Rashid regarding the issue, he said that a number of orchard owners were already given compensation.

"However, there are some remaining orchardists, whose cases have been sent to Delhi by district administration for approval and the compensation money will be remitted to them directly once things are cleared," Dr Rashid added. (CNS) person (NCSK) Anjna Panwar said,

outsourcing agencies."

while

Reviews Developmental **Initiatives In Uri**

Observer News Service

BARAMULLA: The District Development Commissioner (DDC) Baramulla, Minga Sherpa Friday visited Uri to conduct a comprehensive review of developmental projects and service delivery and assess progress, address community concerns, and enhance administrative efficiency in the region.

At the outset, the DDC chaired a comprehensive meeting to evaluate the progress of ongoing developmental works. Sub Divisional Magistrate Uri, Javed Ahmad, briefed the chair on the current status of the overall situation in Sub Division Uri.

The DDC directed the officers to ensure all the developmental projects are being worked on efficiently and are completed in a time bound manner.

During the meeting, Minga Sherpa also reviewed the Border Village/ Model Village plan, a flagship initiative aimed at transforming border villages into hubs of development and prosperity and to uplift the living standards of residents in border areas through infrastructure development, education, healthcare, and economic activities.

The DDC inspected the functioning of the Revenue Department, urging officials to enhance service delivery mechanisms. Additionally, he directed the officers to streamline processes and improve public service standards across the region.

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SRINAGAR: The District Judiciary Kupwara in collaboration with the District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Kupwara organised 2nd training program for Advocates on the ' Three Criminal Laws' at Court Complex, Handwara. The purpose of organis-

The programme had the ing this programme was presence of Khem Raj Sharto generate awareness and ma, Additional District Sesbring out the highlights of sions Judge (P.O Fast Track the three criminal laws, to Court) Kupwara, Bar Member facilitate meaningful interac-Court Handwara. The training programme also wittions through technical and Q&A sessions, and to provide an opportunity for the ad-



vocates, public prosecutors, Association Handwara and stakeholders to participate in other participants.

Addressing the gathering, Khem Raj Sharma, emphasised that the three new laws have been enacted to overhaul the criminal justice system in the country. He said that the Government of India has taken several initiatives

citizen centric and cater to the requirements of a vibrant democracy. The new legislations i.e. the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, 2023: the Bharativa Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita, 2023 and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam, 2023, replace the earlier criminal laws namely, the Indian Penal Code 1860, the Code of Criminal

Procedure, 1973 and the Indian Evidence Act, 1872, were also underscored by him.

He also highlighted the key provisions of the new laws and their positive impacts on women and children and on the new criminal law triad.



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India's Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024 Its Implications for Fairness and Accountability

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Collaboration

between central and state governments is essential to create a uniform framework that addresses the unique challenges faced by different regions. States must be encouraged and supported to enact similar laws to ensure that the fight against exam malpractices is comprehensive and effective across the country

he Union Government has announced that the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024, will be implemented starting June 21. Although the Act was passed by Parliament on February 9, 2024, and received presidential assent on February 12, 2024, it had not yet been enforced because the Government had not issued a notification. This changed yesterday when the Ministry of Personnel, Public Grievances and Pensions released a statement: "In exercise of the powers conferred by sub-section (2) of Section 1 of the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024 (1 of 2024), the Central Government hereby appoints the 21st day of June, 2024, as the date on which the provisions of the said Act shall come into force.

This notification comes amidst widespread issues with paper leaks, including those in the NEET-UG 2024 exam. The recent UGC-NET exam was also canceled due to similar problems. However, the Act will not apply retroactively to incidents that occurred before June 21.

Paper leaks have became a norm in India for some time now. An investigation by the Indian Express revealed that there have been 41 paper leaks in India over the past five years, affecting approximately 14 million job seekers. These repeated breaches compromise the integrity of exams and the fairness of the selection process.

Key provisions of the Act

The Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024, aims to bring greater transparency, fairness, and credibility to public examinations. It prohibits the disclosure of exam-related confidential information before time and unauthorized individuals from entering exam centers to create disruptions. The Act targets cheating in public exams conducted by entities such as the UPSC SSC railto candidates, (iii) tampering with computer networks or resources, (iv) altering documents used for shortlisting or ranking candidates, and (v) conducting fraudulent exams and issuing fake admit cards or offer letters for financial gain. Individuals found guilty of using unfair means under this Act face imprisonment from three to five years and fines up to 10 lakh.

A "service provider" is de fined by the Act as any agency, organization, body, association, business entity, company, partnership, or sole proprietorship, including its associates and sub-contractors, engaged by the public examination authority to conduct public examinations. If an examination authority or service provider commits an organized crime, the jail term will be a minimum of five years, with a maximum of ten, and the fine will remain 1 crore. The Act mentions the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita, specifying that the provisions of the Indian Penal Code will remain in effect until its implementation.

This is the first legislation specifically designed to address the issue of paper leaks. The stringent measures outlined in the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024, classify these violations as cognizable, non-bailable, and non-compoundable offences.

legislation, commending it as the first in India to address organized crime networks behind paper leaks and to hold government bodies like the NTA accountable. However, they have pointed out several shortcomings. One significant issue is that the Act does not cover state exams. This leaves it up to individual states to create their own laws to address these problems. Although the government's new law aims to curb paper leaks. dismantle organized cheating, and hold the National Testing Agency (NTA) accountable, it primarily focuses on centralized exams, overlooking malpractices in other types of examinations

While the Act is intended to serve as a model for states, it's important to recognize that each state has unique job requirements and may not be able to adopt identical model drafts. If a state chooses not to enact a similar law, any incidents of paper leaks will have to be addressed through the standard process of inquiry and investigation under general law. This poses a significant challenge to implementing the law effectively at the grassroots level. vestigations. They also noted that students are exempt from accountability under this law, meaning that even if a student is found engaged in irregularities, they would not be punished under this legislation.

Legislation alone is not enough

The Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024, is a significant step towards combating the malpractices plaguing our examination system. However, legislation alone is not enough. Strict implementation of the Act is crucial to ensure that its objectives are met. The concerns raised by experts regarding its limitations must be addressed to make it more comprehensive and effective.

The Act's introduction offers a glimmer of hope for a fairer examination system in India, but it must be part of a broader strategy that includes technological advancements, increased surveillance, and robust administrative procedures. For instance, integrating advanced technology such as blockchain for secure and tamper-proof storage of exam papers and results could significantly reduce the risk of leaks. Additionally succeed in exams often drives students and other stakeholders to resort to unfair means. Promoting a culture of integrity and ethical behaviour, starting from school education, can help address the root causes of cheating and malpractices.

Collaboration between central and state governments is essential to create a uniform framework that addresses the unique challenges faced by different regions. States must be encouraged and supported to enact similar laws to ensure that the fight against exam malpractices is comprehensive and effective across the country.

In addition to legal and technological measures, there should be a focus on capacity building among exam conducting bodies and agencies. Regular training and upskilling of personnel involved in the examination process can help them stay updated with the latest trends and techniques in exam security and management.

There must be a robust mechanism for monitoring and evaluating the implementation of the Act. Regular audits, feedback from stakeholders, and independent evaluations can help identify gaps and areas for improvement, ensuring that the Act remains effective and relevant over time.

Conclusion

In conclusion, while the Public Examinations (Prevention of Unfair Means) Act, 2024, is a commendable initiative, its success will depend on how well it is implemented and supplemented by other measures. By addressing the concerns and suggestions raised by experts, leveraging technology, fostering a culture of integrity, and ensuring collaboration between central and state governments, India can move towards a more transparent, fair, and credible public examination system.

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ways, banking recruitment exams, and the NTA.

The Act defines "unfair means" to include: (i) unauthorized access to or leakage of examination materials, (ii) providing unauthorized assistance

Some concerns

Legal experts have acknowl-

Additionally, there are some other loopholes also, such as the absence of fixed timelines for agencies like the Central Bureau of Investigation to probe malpractices, and the lack of interim measures during inemploying AI-driven surveillance during exams could help identify and prevent cheating in real-time.

Furthermore, there needs to be a cultural shift in how exams are perceived. The pressure to

Death Of Petrodollar Is A Biden Legacy

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he Deep State should have been alert five years ago when Candidate Joe Biden announced that he, if elected as president, was determined to make the Saudi rulers "pay the price, and make them in fact the pariah that they are."

Biden was blunt to the point of being brutal about the Saudi royal family, saying there was "very little social redeeming value in the present government in Saudi Arabia" under King Salman's rule.

But, instead, the Deep State felt delighted that Biden was just the man to succeed Donald Trump and reverse the Trump-era practice of forgiving Saudi human rights violations in order to preserve jobs in the American arms industry.

Biden probably knew by then that the American intelligence had concluded about the role of Mohammed bin Salman, the Saudi crown prince and the de facto leader of the country, in the killing of the dissident-journalist Jamal Khashoggi, who was a 'strategic asset' of the CIA for navigating the next Saudi succession and the ensuing regime change to a happy ending. Khashoggi's decapitation crippled Washington's game plan to instal a pliable ruler in Riyadh.

Today, all that is history. But unlike the Bourbons, the Saudi royals never forget

or forgive. They also have infinite patience and their own concept of time and space. And last Sunday, June 9, they struck.

In great royal style, last Sunday, Riyadh simply let the 50-year-old petrodollar agreement between the US and Saudi Arabia to expire.

To recap, the term "petrodollar" refers to the US dollar's pivotal role as the currency used for crude oil transactions on the world market per the US-Saudi deal dating back to 1974 shortly after the US went off the gold standard.

In the history of global finance, few agreements have wielded as many benefits as the petrodollar pact did for the US economy. At its core, the agreement stipulated that Saudi Arabia would price its oil exports exclusively in US dollars and invest its surplus oil revenues in US Treasury bonds — and, in a quid pro quo, the US would provide military support and protection to the kingdom.

The 'win-win' deal ensured that the US gained a stable source of oil and a captive market for its debt, while Saudi Arabia secured its economic and overall security. In turn, the denomination of oil in dollar elevated the dollar's status as the world's 'reserve currency'.

Since then, the global demand for dollars to purchase oil has helped to keep the currency strong, not only made imports relatively cheap for American consumers but in systemic terms, the influx of foreign capital into US Treasury bonds supported low interest rates and a robust bond market.

Suffice to say, the expiration of the 1974 US-Saudi 'oil-for-security' deal has far-reaching implications. At the most obvious level, it highlights the shifting power dynamics in the oil market with the emergence of alternative energy sources (eg., renewables and natural gas) and new oil-producing countries (eg., Brazil and Canada) challenging the traditional dominance of West Asia. But this is more the optics of it.

Crucially, the petrodollar's expiration could weaken the US dollar and, by extension, the US financial markets. If oil were to be priced in a currency other than the dollar, it could lead to a decline in global demand for the greenback, which, in turn, could result in higher inflation, higher interest rates, and a weaker bond market in the US.

Suffice to say, going forward we may expect a significant shift in global power dynamics with the growing influence of emerging economies, the changing energy landscape and a tectonic shift in the global financial order as it enters a "post-American" era. The bottom line is that the US dollar's dominance is no longer guaranteed.

There is no question that Saudi Ara-

bia has a roadmap worked out. Four days before the expiration of the oil-for-security deal, Reuters reported that Saudi Arabia has joined a China-dominated central bank digital currency cross-border trial, "in what could be another step towards less of the world's oil trade being done in U.S. dollars."

The announcement on June 4 came from the Switzerland-based Bank for International Settlements [BIS], an international financial institution owned by member central banks. It means that Saudi central bank has become a "full participant" of Project mBridge, a collaboration launched in 2021 between the central banks of China, Hong Kong, Thailand and the United Arab Emirates.

The BIS announcement took note that mBridge had reached "minimum viable product" stage — that is, it is ready to move beyond the prototype phase. By the way, 135 countries and currency unions, representing 98% of global GDP, are currently exploring central bank digital currencies, or CBDCs.

The entry of Saudi Arabia, a major G20 economy and the largest oil exporter in the world, signals a scaling up of commodity settlement on a platform outside of dollars in a near term scenario, with a new technology behind it. Interestingly, the mBridge transactions can use the code China's e-yuan is built on! The intention is to modernise payments with new functionality and provide an alternative to physical cash, which seems in terminal decline anyway. China dominates the mBridge project and is carrying out the world's largest domestic CBDC pilot which now reaches 260 million people and covers 200 scenarios from e-commerce to government stimulus payments.

Indeed, other big emerging economies, including India, Brazil and Russia, also plan to launch digital currencies in the next 1-2 years while the European Central Bank has begun work on a digital euro pilot ahead of a possible launch in 2028.

Now, add to this Russia's master plan to create a new BRICS payments system bypassing the dollar altogether. Moscow stock exchange announced on Wednesday that it will stop trading dollars and euros from Thursday, June 13.

Thus, the expiration of the US-Saudi deal last weekend is emblematic of a cascading challenge from various quarters to the dollar's pre-eminence as 'reserve currency.' In particular, the end is nearing for the unfettered freedom America enjoyed to print dollar currency at will and living it up far beyond its means and imposing the US' global hegemony.

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Renewable Energy Powering a Safer Future

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E nergy is ability or capacity to do work. The renewable energy sources are non-conventional and environmental friendly in nature. The renewable energy technology is a direct substitute of recent technology. With the help of renewable energy we can save more energy, make better environment by the replacement of fossil fuels. In the last two to three decades the environmental related problems are more created therefore the application of renewable energy technology is highly applicable for better environmental conditions.

With the increasing of population, the energy source demands are also increases. The amount of energy requirement is different between the countries around the world. The developed country need more energy compare to developing country. The present people are most concern about renewable energy sources because it is pollution free, simply available and less costly and more amounts exist in the earth.

The primary objective for deploying renewable energy in India is to advance economic development, improve energy security, improve access to energy, and mitigate climate change. Sustainable development is possible by use of sustainable energy and by ensuring access to affordable, reliable, sustainable, and modern energy for citizens. Strong government support and the increasingly opportune economic situation have pushed India to be one of the top leaders in the world's most attractive renewable energy markets.

As the world population increases therefore the energy consumptions are also increases day by day so that we need to move alternative source of energy. Indian renewable energy sector is the fourth most attractive renewable energy market in the world.

Keeping in mind the sustainable development goals, India's power generation mix is rapidly shifting towards a more significant share of renewable energy. Today, India is the world's third largest producer of renewable energy, with 40% of its installed electricity capacity coming from non-fossil fuel sources.

Globally offshore wind is about two decades old history with the first offshore wind turbine in Denmark in 1991 which has been decommissioned in 2017. As of now, offshore wind energy projects of more than 57 GW are installed in 18 different countries of which leading countries are UK, China, Germany, Denmark and The Netherlands. India stands 4th globally in Renewable Energy Installed Capacity (including Large Hydro), 4th in Wind Power capacity & 5th in Solar Power capacity (as per REN21 Renewables 2024 Global Status Report). The country has set an enhanced target at the



COP26 of 500 GW of non-fossil fuelbased energy by 2030. This has been a key pledge under the Panchamrit. This is the world's largest expansion plan in renewable energy.

India's installed non-fossil fuel capacity has increased 396% in the last 8.5 years and stands at more than 201.75 GW (including large Hydro and nuclear), about 45.3% of the country's total capacity (as of May 2024). India saw the highest year-on-year growth in renewable energy additions of 9.83% in 2022. The installed solar energy capacity has increased by 30 times in the last 9 years and stands at 84.27 GW as of May 2024. India's solar energy potential is estimated to be 748 GWp as estimated by National Institute of Solar Energy (NISE). The installed Renewable energy capacity tential for growth and development. Therefore, most of this new energy demand must be met by low-carbon, renewable sources.

With the increased support of the government and improved economics, the sector has become attractive from an investor's perspective. As India looks to meet its energy demand on its own, which is expected to reach 15,820 TWh by 2040, renewable energy is set to play an important role.

India has always been committed to looking for more alternative energy sources for sustainable development. The beginning was made with hydropower, with major hydroelectric power projects appearing on the scene of India's energy arena. Over the years, many policy and regulatory initiatives have promoted hydropower develop-

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India stands 4th largest wind power capacity in the world, blessed with a constant movement of wind, especially in the Southern, Western and North Western regions.

Solar energy-based applications have benefited millions of Indians by meeting their cooking, lighting and other energy needs in an environment-friendly manner. Having achieved large-scale success in solar energy solutions, India has spearheaded the International Solar Alliance (ISA) which is an action-oriented, member-driven, collaborative platform for increased deployment of solar energy technologies.

Biomass has also been an essential source of energy for India. It is renewable, widely available, carbon-neutral and has the potential to provide sigto reduce its CO2 footprint in thermal power generation. Biomass power/ co-generation programme since midnineties. Over 800 biomass power and bagasse/non-bagasse cogeneration projects have been installed in the country for feeding power to the grid.

India has progressively decoupled economic growth from greenhouse gas emissions. For example, the Net Zero Emissions target by 2030 by Indian Railways alone will reduce emissions by 60 million tonnes annually. Similarly, India's massive UJALA LED bulb campaign is reducing emissions by 40 million tonnes annually. To further complement these ongoing efforts, India launched the National Hydrogen Mission in 2013 to make India the world's largest hydrogen hub.

Even though it supports the second largest population in the world, India's sustained efforts have ensured that its per capita CO2 emissions are much lower than the global average. The US emits 14.7 tonnes per capita, China emits 7.6 tonnes per capita, while India's CO2 emissions amount to 1.8 tonnes per capita.

India's experience will be valuable to other developing nations as they translate their climate pledges into actions and undertake energy transitions towards a more sustainable energy future.

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(including large hydro) has increased by around 128% since 2014.

India's energy demand is expected to increase more than that of any other country in the coming decades due to its sheer size and enormous poment and facilitated investments. Work on wind energy started in India during the 1960s when the National Aeronautical Laboratory (NAL) developed windmills, primarily for supplying irrigation water. Today, nificant employment in rural areas. Rapidly evolving technology has enabled thermal power plants to have more economical and energy-efficient operations. India has co-fired biomass in thermal plants across the country

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Are You an Imposter?

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66 To the doorkeeper there comes a countryman who prays for admittance. But he is told he cannot be allowed in at the moment. Maybe later. On this the man stays until the end of his life. At that time the doorkeeper says no one else was allowed in except the man and now it will be shut." -Franz Kafka, Before the Law

The story by Franz Kafka relates the very problem of the "as-if" person who does not realize how to manifest what is theirs and how to inhabit their existence. They do not tend to go through the door, as in the story, because they do not know it is theirs. The imposter, and what is here called the "as-if" personality, is defined by the central question: "Who am I, really?"

The answer will reflect identity with goals, purposes, and meaning in life rather than the superficial answer to the superficial question, "What is your name and where are you from?" Identity in this more encompassing sense isn't fixed, handed down, or unconscious. Rather, it is something shaped and determined over time. A person's identity is a matter of what they are about and is reflected in accessing the passions of life.

A male client commented, "The mirror was in a space I had to walk past every day. Though I did not have

to look in it, I did anyway and didn't feel good in the mirror regardless of how I looked. Every day I walked past that mirror, I looked at a man who was hurt and confused."

This short statement is typical of the "as-if" personality. It reveals part of the complexity behind the adopted masks and illusions put forward by this personality type. The mask means hiding whoever wears it and disguising their identity as appearance and pretence establish a clear distinction between being and appearing. What is hidden and what is known? Unmasking is a metaphor for revealing an individual's identity while the attempted masking actively works to mystify and deceive oneself and others.

This person has an impoverished and uncomfortable, emotionally and physically, relationship to the world although their presentation is of shining appeal and no disorder. One is unable to bear, even momentarily, to be seen up close, beneath the skin. They might be perceived to be winners and having made it by others but often are internally empty, disillusioned, anxious, confused, alienated, and most of all, estranged from themselves.

A female client described, "Today I had a moment of feeling real. Usually, I am somewhere else. But now I caught it and could tell the difference for the first time." The "as-if"



person narrates a story of personal and collective history composed of the secret vicissitudes with which they engage. This person exhibits an elusive, flighty, and often dramatic approach to life, but is driven by an internal abyss. The phenomenon is not uncommon as many people feel similarly, skimming on the surface and not really living. These people are internally isolated, appearing competent, creative, with quirky perspectives, but drastically insecure. The personality has a penchant for illusions and poses, an imposter based on inner distress and psychological confusion. One's soul feels wrecked from within, forming a swarm of instability and pain of existence.

Underlying is a sense of distrust and lack of confidence in one's place in the world. Filling the emptiness with people, places, and things attempts to compensate for the feeling of being unreal. The emptiness arose from early emotional wounding and lack of correct or close enough attachment with consistent caregivers. As adults, these people become performers, needing attention, and seeming superficial. The question is posed about how to bridge the gap to access who one really is.

The way of relating to the world is through mimicry and imposter facades, while the adaptation 'as-if' comes at the expense of authenticity of oneself. One feels as flat as the social media screen, yet they often hide this from themselves and others. The internal division signals being trapped in unconscious personal, cultural, and historical wounds. These include unfinished mourning processes, intergenerational issues, and archetypal anxieties. The unconscious calls to be more deeply known, relationships with self and others open rather than closed, life no longer avoided with emotional distancing, compulsions, or perfectionism.

This personality type, although clever at disguise, is swamped by emotional and psychological distress, haunted by aims and aspirations not yet achieved, along with the pressure of nothing ever being enough. These people defend against aspects of reality, absence, and loss because they are assumed to be intolerable. They need the illusions and idealizations of others focused on them so life can seem other and better than it is. They construct a solid and tight package as a defense.

The masks and façades prevent being present in life and experiencing the inner world with its creativ-

ity and life forces. Chasing after the perfect body, highest intellect, or most accomplishments does not lead to fulfillment for the imposter type. These only lead to more anxiety and a frenzy to perform. These are the imposters, feeling fraudulent, wishing to be known but fearing this discovery as they will be less than excellent and somehow flawed. In therapy, they tend to hide. In relationships, they anticipate rejection. Underneath is a fragile and vulnerable self waiting to be known. An imposter does not feel a definitive identity and operates in the absence of a fully knowable self.

If this is you or you are working therapeutically or in a relationship with someone of this type, be patient, stay with the discomfort, and explore the feelings. Delving into the unconscious and facing the shadows is the task of uniting the personality and leads to feeling more complete as a person. Dreams, emanations from the unconscious, bring us to life and take off the masks formerly adopted as defenses against being known by ourselves and others. We can venture beyond the barricades keeping us from being real. This is part of the process along the journey of being and expressing one's individual and precious self.

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Plant-Based Alternatives Healthy For Your Heart Than Meat: Study

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Eating plant-based meat alternatives may have profound benefits against cardiovascular disease risk factors, such as cholesterol levels and blood pressure, according to a review of research published from 1970 to 2023.

Plant-based meat alternatives are highly processed plantbased food products that typically replace meat in the diet.

While there is substantial variability in the contents and nutritional profiles of these alternatives, the findings detailed in the Canadian Journal of Cardiology, showed that the nutritional profiles tend to reflect a hearthealthy dietary pattern.

"While the plant-based meat market has experienced significant growth in recent years and more people are enjoying plantbased burgers, surprisingly little is known about how these meat alternatives may impact



health and in particular cardiovascular disease risk," said lead author Matthew Nagra, from the University of British Columbia, Canada.

"Thus, we sought to review the available literature on the topic to identify what is currently known and to provide direction for future research," he added.

The researchers reviewed

the research on plant-based meat alternatives, their contents, nutritional profiles, and impact on cardiovascular disease risk factors, such as cholesterol levels and blood pressure. Their analysis shows that

on average, the plant-based alternatives tend to have a more heart-healthy nutritional profile than meat, although the high sodium content of some products may be of concern. However, these alternatives do not raise blood pressure, but instead improve some cardiovascular risk factors, including cholesterol levels, in several randomised

controlled trials. "There is currently a lack of long-term research evaluating how these alternatives may affect the risk of developing a heart attack or stroke," the researchers said.

"For those looking to reduce their meat intake, especially red meat, replacing that with plant-based alternatives is likely a heart-healthy choice," said Professor Ehud Ur from the varsity.

"For those who already limit their meat intake, the alternatives can be incorporated into a healthy dietary pattern as an excellent protein source. However, it may be beneficial to choose options that are lower in saturated fat and sodium if consuming them regularly," Ur said.

Scientists Develop Speech Recognition Tool To Predict Alzheimer's Onset

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A new AI-based model could predict the onset of Alzheimer's disease by analysing an individual's speech, the developers said.

Trained on audio recordings of patients with mild cognitive impairment - early stages of memory loss, the model achieved 78.5 per cent accuracy in forecasting whether patients would remain stable or progress to dementia within six years, according to the researchers.

Alzheimer's disease is the most common form of dementia and impacts one's everyday activities by impairing memory and thinking.

The researchers at Boston University, US, used recordings of initial interviews of 166 patients aged 63-97 and trained the model using machine learning to discern patterns between speech, demographics, diagnosis, and how their condition was worsening.

The model analyses interview content such as spoken words and sentence structure, rather than speech features such as enunciation or speed, showed the study published in the journal Alzheimer's and Dementia.

"We combine the information we extract from the audio recordings with some very basic demographics - age, gender, and so on - and we get the final score," said Ioannis C. Paschalidis, a professor of engineering and the study's corresponding author.

"You can think of the score as the likelihood, the probability, that someone will remain stable or transition to dementia. It had significant predictive ability," said Paschalidis.

The researchers said that the model was able to perform well, despite challenges like low-quality recordings and background noise.

The researchers emphasised that early prediction is crucial as current diagnostic tests often identify Alzheimer's disease only after significant cognitive decline has occurred such as memories starting to slip away and personality traits beginning to shift.

The team aims to make their model accessible through an app to make it accessible for patients in remote areas, potentially increasing the number of people getting screened.

Study Explores Adolescents At Risk Of Depression From Social Media Use

IANS

Social media use does not raise the risk of depression in all adolescents, revealed a study on Wednesday which found parental hostility and peer bullying as major risk factors driving teenagers to mental health conditions.

Early social media use has previously been linked with an increased risk of depression among teenagers and young adults.

The findings, published in the Journal of Adolescence, suggest that social media use does not impact all adolescents in the same way.

Researchers from Brigham Young University in the US found certain factors may make social media more risky or protective regarding depression. These include greater parental hostility, peer bullying, anxiety, reactivity to stressors, and lower parental media monitoring.

"If the teenager is already in a vulnerable position (being bullied or having hostile parents or parents who don't monitor their teenager's media), then social media is much more likely to be harmful," said corresponding author W. Justin Dyer, from the varsity.

Dyer said, "This is especially true if there is more than 3 hours of use a day."

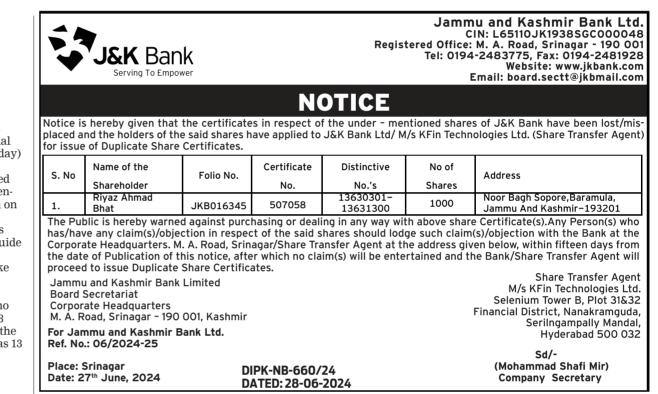
On the contrary, warm and

supportive friends and parents and "moderate amounts of social media use (less than 3 hours a day) may be a good thing."

They stressed individualised approaches to determine the benefits and harms of social media on young people's mental health.

Dyer noted that adolescents can greatly benefit if parents guide them "as they navigate social media. That guidance may make all the difference."

The study is based on 488 adolescents living in the US who were surveyed once a year for 8 years (beginning in 2010 when the average age for participants was 13 years old).





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BUSINESS

Key Infra Sectors Growth Rises 6.3% In May Against 6.7% In Apr



0.3 per cent and 0.8 per cent in

The growth rate in the pro-

duction of refinery products

and steel slowed down to 0.5

per cent and 7.6 per cent dur-

The eight core sectors con-

tribute 40.27 per cent to the

country's Index of Industrial

Commenting on the data, Icra Ltd Chief Economist Aditi

Nayar said that while the core

sector growth sustained above

6 per cent for the fourth con-

secutive month, it eased slight-

A combination of factors, including the heatwave over

parts of the country and the

phased parliamentary elec-

tions could have curtailed ac-

tivity and execution in some

"At the same time, the heat-

wave boosted demand for

power, which translated into a

rise in the growth of coal and

electricity in May 2024 com-

pared to the previous month. We expect IIP growth print at

4-5 per cent in May 2024," she

The validity of this agree-

ment was from April 1, 2022,

till implementation of Pillar 1

or March 31, 2024, whichever

On December 18, 2023, the

Inclusive Framework issued a

statement calling for a finalisa-

tion of the text of the Pillar 1

multilateral convention by the end of March 2024 with a view

to holding a signing ceremony

by the end of June 2024.

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May 2023.

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NEW DELHI: The eight key infrastructure sectors' growth rose by 6.3 per cent in May on healthy expansion in the pro-duction of coal, natural gas, and electricity, though the growth rate is lower than in April, according to official data released on Friday.

The production of the eight sectors grew 6.7 per cent in April.

The growth of these core sectors -- coal, crude oil, natural gas, refinery products, fertiliser, steel, cement and electricity -- was 5.2 per cent in May 2023.

The official data showed that fertiliser, crude oil, and cement output recorded negative growth in May.

During April-May this fiscal, the output of these sectors was up 6.5 per cent against 4.9 per cent in the same period Îast fiscal.

The production growth of coal, natural gas and electricity rose by 10.2 per cent, 7.5 per cent and 12.8 per cent, respectively, against 7.2 per cent, (-)

India, US Extend Digital Tax On E-Commerce Supplies Till June 30

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: India and the US have decided to extend a 2 per cent equalisation levy or digital tax on e-commerce supplies until June 30, the finance ministry said on Friday.

In a major reform of the international tax system, India and the US have joined 134 other members of the OECD/G20 Inclusive Framework (in-



Interest Rates On Small Savings Schemes Remain Unchanged For Second Quarter In FY25

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NEW DELHI- The government on Friday left the interest rates on various small savings schemes unchanged for the quarter beginning July 1, 2024. 'The rates of interest on various small savings schemes for the second quarter of FY 2024-25, starting from July 1,

2024, and ending on September 30, 2024, shall remain unchanged from those notified for the first quarter (March 1, 2024, to June 30, 2024) of FY 2024-25," said a finance ministry notification.

As per the notification, deposits under the Sukanya Samriddhi scheme will attract an interest rate of 8.2 per cent, while the rate on a three-year term deposit remains at 7.1 per cent. The interest rates for popular PPF and post office savings

deposits scheme too have been retained at 7.1 per cent and 4 per cent, respectively. The interest rate on the Kisan Vikas Patra will be 7.5 per cent, and the investments will mature in 115 months. The interest rate on the

National Savings Certificate (NSC) will remain at 7.7 per

Fiscal Deficit At 3% Of Full Year Budget Estimates At May-End 2024: CGA Data

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NEW DELHI- The central government's fiscal deficit was only at 3 per cent of the annual estimates at May-end 2024-25, the first two months of the financial year during which model code of conduct was in place due to Lok Sabha elections.

The fiscal deficit or the gap between the government's expenditure and revenue was 11.8 per cent of Budget Estimates (BE) of 2023-24 in the first two months of the previ-

ous financial year. For the current financial year (2024-25), the government estimates the fiscal deficit at 5.1 per cent of the GDP, or Rs 16,85,494 crore.

According to data released by the Controller General of Accounts (CGA), fiscal deficit during April-May 2024 was Rs 50,615 crore or 3 per cent of the BE 2024-25. In the corresponding period of the last fiscal it was

11.8 per cent of that year's BE. Net tax revenue was Rs 3.19 lakh crore or 12.3 per cent of BE 2024-25. In the corresponding period it was 11.9 per cent of BE 2023-24.

Total expenditure at Mayend 2024 was Rs 6.23 lakh crore or 13.1 per cent of this fiscal BE. In the year-ago period it was 13.9 per cent of BE. Generally, the government refrains from making expenditure on new projects when

Markets Snap Record-Breaking Rally As Profit-**Booking Hammers Banking, Finance Stocks**

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which had hit fresh intra- chart, slipping 2.61 per cent, highs in early ontimism



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After Jio, Bharti Airtel Announces 10-21% Hike In **Mobile Tariffs**

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ARPU will enable the substan-

tial investments required in

network technology and spec-

trum and offer a modest return

Airtel's move comes close

on the heels of tariff hike an-

nouncement by Reliance Jio,

and market watchers expect a

similar tariff hike move from

Jio, India's largest telecom

operator, announced a 12-27

per cent hike in mobile tariffs

That said, a look at the tar-

iff and rate hikes announced by the two telcos respectively,

indicates that most of the Air-

tel mobile plans will still cost

more than that of Reliance Jio.

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try, and has time-and-again

flagged the 'absurdly low' lev-

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compared to other parts of the

Among the unlimited voice plans, Airtel has raised

tariffs in the ballpark range

of about 11 per cent, and ac-

cordingly rates are revised from Rs 179 to Rs 199; from

Airtel, in fact, has been strongly advocating the need

on capital," the telco said.

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NEW DELHI: Bharti Airtel on Friday announced a 10-21 per cent hike in prepaid and postpaid mobile tariffs, a day after larger rival Reliance Jio announced an increase in rates. The move assumes significance, as it marks the first major increase in tariffs by the telecom industry, in two-and-

a-half years. Airtel's tariff hike across various plans ranges from 10-21 per cent, and will be effective from July 3.

While the rate of daily data add-on (1GB) will see an increase by Rs 3, rising from Rs 19 to Rs 22, in the case of 365day validity plan offering 2GB/ day, the increase works out to as high as Rs 600, as rates are set to rise from Rs 2,999, all the way to Rs 3,599.

In the unlimited voice plan category, tariff has been raised from Rs 179 to Rs 199, marking a Rs 20 increase in this 28-day validity plan that offers 2GB of data to users.

"We have ensured that there is a very modest price increase (less than 70 paise per day) on entry-level plans, in order to eliminate any burden on bud-get challenged consumers," Airtel said announcing revision in its mobile tariffs.

Bharti Airtel said it has maintained that the mobile Average Revenue Per User (ARPU) needs to be upwards of Rs 300, to enable a financially

Rs 455 to Rs 509; and from Rs 1,799 to Rs 1,999. In the daily data plan category, the Rs 479 plan that comes with a 56-day validity and 1.5GB/day, has been increased to Rs 579 (20.8 per cent hike).

Sebi Raises Basic Demat Account Limit To Rs 10 Lakh **To Boost Participation**

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NEW DELHI: To boost partici-





fiscal deficit during 2023-24 at 5.6 per cent of the GDP was better than previous estimates of 5.8 per cent on account of higher revenue realisation and lower expenditure. As per the Fiscal Responsibility & Budget Management (FRBM) Act, the government plans to achieve a fiscal defi-

the election commission puts in place model of conduct. The central government's

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banks, every quarter.

INTEREST RATES

Monthly Income Scheme will earn 7.4 per cent for investors. The government notifies the interest rates on small savings schemes, majorly operated by post offices and

France, Italy, Spain, and the UK) in reaching an agreement on October 8, 2021, on the statement on a two-pillar solution to address the tax challenges arising from the digitalisation of the economy

On October 21, 2021, the US and Austria, France, Italy, Spain, and the UK reached a political compromise on the transitional approach to the unilateral measures in force while Pillar 1 is implemented.

On November 24, 2021, India and the US agreed that the same terms that apply under the October 2021 Joint Statement shall apply between India and the US with respect to India's charge of 2 per cent equalisation levy on e-commerce supply of services and the US' trade action regarding the said Equalisation Levy.

15. 2024, the US and Austria, France, Italy, Spain, and the UK decided to extend the political compromise set forth in the October 21 Joint Statement until June

30, 2024. "In light of above developments, India and the United States have decided to extend the validity of the agreement reflected in November 24 Statements until June 30, 2024. All other terms of the transitional approach remain the same," the finance ministry said in a statement.

India and the US will remain in close contact to ensure that there is common understanding of the respective commitment and endeavour to resolve all issues on this matter through constructive dialogue, it added.

MUMBAI: Market benchmarks Sensex and Nifty halted their three-day record-hitting rally to close with losses on Friday as investors booked profit in banking, finance and tech stocks despite a positive trend in global equities.

Snapping a four-session winning run, equity indices succumbed to selling pressure after mid-session when profit-taking emerged on select counters.

After hitting fresh all-time high level in early trade, the 30-share index declined 210.45 points or 0.27 per cent to settle at 79,032.73. During the day, it jumped 428.4 points or 0.54 per cent to hit a fresh record peak of 79.671.58. The Nifty went lower by

33.90 points or 0.14 per cent to 24,010.60. During the day, it climbed 129.5 points or 0.53 per cent to hit a new lifetime high of 24,174.

"Profit taking in banking stocks led the downfall in key benchmark indices, While markets displayed volatility and ended weak in late selling, both Sensex and Nifty managed to close above their psychological levels of 79k and 24k, respectively," Prashanth Tapse, Senior VP

(Research), Mehta Equities Ltd, said. The Sensex breached the historic 79,000 mark on Thursday, and the Nifty hit the 24,000 level for the first time in intra-day trade.

In the past four trading days, the BSE benchmark jumped 2,033.28 points or 2.63 per cent.

On the weekly front, the BSE benchmark jumped 1,822.83 points or 2.36 per cent, and the Nifty climbed 509.5 points or 2.16 per cent. Sensex recorded the best monthly gain in June by climbing 7.14 per cent.

The market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms hit an alltime high of Rs 439.24 lakh crore (USD 5.26 trillion).

IndusInd Bank was the biggest loser on the Sensex Bank, Bharti Airtel, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Maruti, JSW Steel and Bajaj Finserv.

In contrast, Reliance Industries, Tata Motors, Asian Paints, Nestle and Titan were the biggest gainers.

In the broader market, the BSE smallcap gauge climbed 0.56 per cent, and midcap went up by 0.41 per cent.

"India's optimism about the upcoming budget and upgrade in GDP forecasts continues to provide momentum in the market. Large caps are in favour due to the comeback of FIIs. However, profit booking ensued at the end of the week, at higher levels, in financials, especially private banks, which dragged the market down after the recent rally," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services.

Among indices, bankex declined 1.04 per cent, telecommunication (0.65 per cent), financial services (0.52 per cent), teck (0.42 per cent) and industrials (0.26 per cent).

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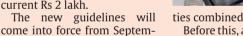
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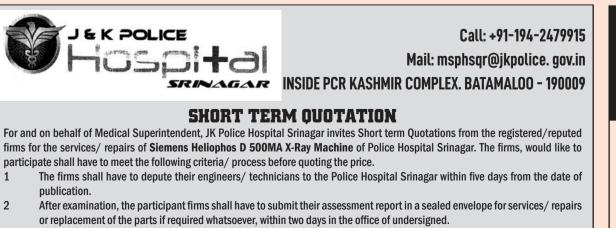


ties combined at any time. Before this, an individual was allowed to hold debt securities worth up to Rs 2 lakh and other than debt securities worth up to Rs 2 lakh in a single demat account to be eligible for BSDA. For portfolio values up to Rs 4 lakh, Sebi said that the annual maintenance charge for a BDSA would be nil and for portfolio values of above Rs 4 lakh and up to Rs 10 lakh, the charges would be Rs 100.

However, if portfolio value exceeds Rs 10 lakh then BDSA should automatically be converted into a regular demat account.

With regards to services for BDSA, the regulator said that electronic statements would be provided free of cost to such account holders, besides, physical statements can be charged at Rs 25 per statement.

As per the circular, Depository Participants (DPs) will open only BSDA for eligible accounts unless the account holder opts for a regular demat account via email.



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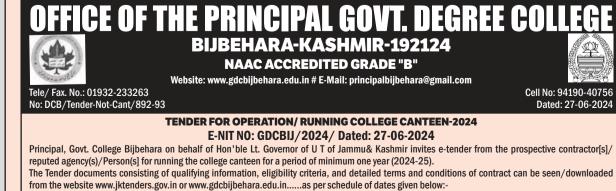
No TA/Charges will be given for the onsite examination.

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SPORTS

T20 WC Final: Last Dance For Rohit, Virat As India Take On South Africa

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NEW DELHI: This Saturday afternoon in Barbados, no Indian fan would want Rohit Sharma to drag his jaded body towards the dug-out trying to hide a tear welling up at the corner of his eye

No Indian fan would want to revisit Virat Kohli's blank stare towards the podium where the coveted ODI World Cup trophy rested exactly seven months and 10 days back.

What they would surely want is to see the two greats do a memorable tango in probably their 'last dance' in the game's shortest format, at least in Indian colours.

To prepare for any global tro-phy, the core needs to be finalised two years in advance and in 2026, a 39-year-old Rohit or a nearly 38-year-old Kohli or even Jadeja are unlikely to fit in.

At this point, with the focus firmly on the final, no one wants to use the sensitive 'R' word as far as T20Is are concerned but it is believed that if India can beat South Africa in Barbados on Saturday, both skipper Rohit and Kohli would know that in this format, they have nothing more left to achieve.

For Kohli, it will be the completion of a cycle with all three ICC white-ball trophies (2011 ODI World Cup, 2013 Champi-ons Trophy) in his cabinet. Kohli and Rohit, the two gen-

erational talents with 8,334 T20I runs, six centuries, 69 fifties and 119 catches between them are the last bridge between the old and new and they both deserve to be in the same frame with that trophy in hand.

Thankfully for Rohit and Kohli, there is nothing more to prove.

If Saturday indeed is their 'last dance' in T20Is, the void will be difficult to fill not just in terms of quality but also, and perhaps more so, emotionally.



Short TAKES

Downtown Heroes Beat Solina FC In JKFA Spring Legacy Tournament



n Friday's game of the first edition JKFA Spring Legacy Knockout Football Tournament 2024, Downtown Heroes FC took on Solina FC at Polo Ground, Srinagar

The Heroes emerged victorious, 5-1. Mehran scored a hat trick for Downtown, while Asrar Rehbar scored two. For Solina, Sheikh Aqib Mushtaq was the lone goal scorer. The player of the match was awarded to Mehran of Downtown Heros FC by Ghulam Hassan Wani and Manzoor Ahmad Wani.

Shafali Shatters Records With Fastest Women's Test **Double Century**

n a historic performance, Indian opener Shafali Verma shattered the record for the fastest doublecentury in women's Test cricket. Verma, only 20 years old, achieved this remarkable milestone during the one-off Test against South Africa on Friday, surpassing the previous record set by Australia's Annabel Sutherland.

Verma's dazzling innings saw her score 205 runs off just 194 balls, eclipsing Sutherland's mark of 248 balls. She also became the second Indian woman to hit a double century in Test cricket, following Mithali Raj's achievement 22 years ago.

India Pushes for Yoga's Inclusion In **Asian Games**

Indian Sports Minister Mansukh Mandaviya has expressed support for the Indian Olympic Association President PT Usha's initiative to include yoga in the Asian Games. Mandaviya emphasized that yoga, with its widespread popularity, deserves recognition as a competitive sport.

In a recent communication, the IOA President appealed to the Olympic Council of Asia consider the inclusion of yoga in the Games' roster. Mandaviya also highlighted India's pioneering role in promoting yoga, citing its success in the Khelo India Youth Games.

Max Verstappen Leads Austrian GP **Practice Despite Engine Woes**

Ded Bull's Max Verstappen was quickest in sole practice for the Austrian Grand Prix on Friday despite stopping on the main straight with an engine sensor issue and briefly halting the session.

Championship leader Verstappen lapped the Red Bull Ring with a fastest time of one minute 05.685 seconds with McLaren's Oscar Piastri a new front

Subroto Mukerjee Cup: RPS Shines

In U-14, HSS Dailgam In U-17

Observer News Service

ANANTNAG: The Department of Youth Services & Sports Anantnag on Friday concluded a journey of four days in completing the Subroto Mukherjee Cup for Boys at HSS Dailgam Sports Ground.

In an exhilarating display of football talent and sportsmanship, Radiant Public School clinched the title in the Under-14 age category by defeating HS Mir Danter with a narrow yet decisive 2-1 victory. The match was a nail-biting encounter, showcasing the exceptional skills and teamwork of both teams.

In the U/17 age category, HSS Dailgam emerged victorious with an impressive 3-0 win over DPS Anantnag. The HSS Dailgam team dominated the match, exhibiting superior coor-

The event was graced by the presence of Principal Rukhsana Parveen, who was the Chief Guest. Principal Akhter praised the efforts of all the participants and emphasized the importance of sports in the holistic development of students.

Baramulla Ignites Young Talent In Inter-School Sports Competitions

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dination and tactical prowess.

#DoItForDravid **Trends Ahead Of T20 WC Final, But Dravid Wants To Do It For Team**

Press Trust of India

NEW DELHI: A stickler when it comes to keeping time, Rahul Dravid was once unusually late to a reading session at a bookstore in Bengaluru. But Dravid settled in the back row with other invitees for the entire duration of the event without any fuss.

He politely declined the organisers' request to move up the row. Dravid never really wished for the front seat or the glare of the world. It's just not his zone.

But on Saturday, irrespec-tive of the outcome, the India head coach will have to stand in full view of the cricketing world when his side takes on South Africa in the T20 World Cup final at Bridgetown in Barbados.

The 51-year-old has already got a prelude to it as the host broadcasters are running a #DoltForDravid trend on social media But it is as un-Rahul Dravid as anything one can ever think of. For Dravid, winning the World Cup is not a personal glory moment but he would certainly broaden it out to the team effort and to Rohit Sharma's inspired leadership. The man himself made it



slipping in a reminder about the ethos which he followed so diligently over the years.

"I don't really believe in this 'Do it for somebody'. I love that quote about somebody asking somebody else, 'Why do you want to climb Mount Everest?' and he says 'I want to climb Mount Everest because it's there'.

"I want to win this World up because it's there. It's not for anyone, it's not for anybody, it's just there to win," Dravid asserted. Bookmark these sentences as a study material for endearing simplicity and selflessness. If one needs further validation, there was this one instance well over a decade ago. Dravid was in blazing form during India's tour to England in 2011, emerging as their leading run-scorer even as the visitors sank without a

was on the year-end trip to Australia, a country where he made a truckload of runs.

But Dravid was quick to ward off any personal motivation behind his desire to travel to Australia.

"We need a series win in Australia. Personally, I thought I owe it to the team," he would say then.

That is his zone. Sachin Virender Sehwag

and Sports Department Baramulla held several inter-school zonal level competitions. These events, designed for under-14 and under-17 boys and girls, encompass various disciplines, including volleyball, kho-kho, kabaddi and football.

The competitions were held across several zones in the district, including Wagoora, Sopore, Baramulla, Singpora Pattan, Dangiwacha, Fatehgarh, Tangmarg, Chandoosa and Nehalpora, under the supervision of District Youth Services and Sports Officer (DYSSO) Baramulla.

These events saw enthusiastic participation from hundreds of students representing various higher secondary and high schools within the district.



In addition to the competitions, coaching camps were organized for selected boys and girls to prepare them for upcoming inter-zonal district-level competitions. These camps are aimed at enhancing the skills and performance of the young athletes, ensuring they are wellprepared for future challenges.

clear, and the words reflected his sagacity. "I just want to play good

cricket and yeah, doing it for someone is totally against who I am as a person and what I believe in. So, I don't want to talk about it and discuss it." Dravid said. He was emphatic while

trace in the Tests. The retirement question was hanging directly over his head but the Bengaluru man scoffed at it, saying his focus

Tendulkar and VVS Laxman could immerse in their incandescent shot-making in the comfort that Dravid was there to absorb the blows and pressure.

Twelve years down the line. Dravid is in a similar situation and he is not complaining.

If India lift the World Cup at the Kensington Oval, a lot of credit will go to Rohit and his wards, and if they don't, bricks will be flying in the direction of Dravid as well.

Mobbed by jubilant team members and fans or a lonely walk back, Dravid, rest assured, will treat both with equanimity.

on Sunday.

wing on his car, 0.276 slower. Ferrari's Charles Leclerc was third quickest, 0.370 off the pace, with team mate Carlos Sainz fourth and Mercedes' Lewis Hamilton fifth.

Uruguay Routs Bolivia 5-0 At Copa America As Núñez Keeps Scoring

Darwin Núñez and his Uruguayan teammates romped through Bolivia's defense as if it were a training game.

Núñez scored in his seventh straight international match, a 5-0 rout on Thursday night that moved Uruguay a to the verge of a Copa America quarterfinal.

Facundo Pellistri put the Uruguayans ahead in the eighth minute and Núñez doubled the lead in the 21st with his 10th goal in his last seven games for Uruguay and 13th in 25 matches overall.

Lamine Yamal: Balancing Football Stardom & Academic Success

Reuters

amine Yamal may have helped Spain cruise into the knockout stages of Euro 2024 but the 16-year-old has not neglected his schoolwork, with the Barcelona winger announcing that he had passed his secondary education exams. Yamal, who broke into the Barcelona and Spain starting lineups this season, became the youngest player to appear at a European Championship when Spain beat Croatia in their group opener earlier this month.

The teenager has clearly been putting in the hard work both on and off the pitch. "I passed the exams and I have the ESO title now," Yamal told Spanish radio station Onda Cero.

"The last grades I've seen? If I'm honest, I saw them on my phone and it



said I had passed so I just and Croatia.

closed the app, called my They play Georgia in the mum and told her." Spain last 16 and may face hosts Germany in the quarterare one of the favourites after becoming the only "Everything we've finals. team to win all three of done in the group stage will their games in the group be worthless if they knock us out on Sunday. We've alstage, where they beat defending champions Italy ready played against them

(in the qualifiers), but we know it won't be the same game," Yamal added.

As Spain seek a record fourth Euros title, Yamal will hope they can go all the way with his 17th birthday falling on the eve of the final

Phil Foden's Return: Balancing Family & Football During Euro 2024

Associated Press

ngland forward Phil ➡ Foden is back with ▲the team after taking urgent leave to be with his family during Euro 2024.

Foden left England's camp in Germany on Wednesday for what the team called a "pressing family matter," reportedly the birth of his third child. England alluded to that with a welcome back post Friday that included an

emoji of a baby. "Congratulations and welcome back," the team posted on X, formerly Twitter, alongside a video showing Foden walking toward a training field with

teammate Jarrod Bowen. The Premier League's player of the season started all three of the games in the group stage of the Euros and was expected to be in the starting lineup for the



round of 16 game against Having emerged through Slovakia in Gelsenkirchen the club's youth ranks, the 24-year-old has racked up 270 senior appearances for Pep Guardiola's side in all competitions.

In his previous season with City, the midfielder ended up being named the Premier League Player of the Season after scoring 19 goals and delivering eight assists in 35 appearances, ultimately helping his side with their sixth league trophy in seven years.

When asked to sum up Foden, Aston Villa striker Ollie Watkins used the word "silky" to describe the midfielder. Declan Rice said earlier this month that the midfielder is the definition of "elegance" on the pitch.

Having started all three group games for the Three Lions, the midfielder has the joint-second-highest total of shot-creating actions (7) and carries into the final third of the pitch (6) in the England squad.

NEWS

'Use of Enemy Agents Ordinance Against Locals' **Invoking Draconian Laws Breaches Justice: Mehbooba**

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: The Centre's quest to address security concerns in Jammu and Kashmir should not come at the cost of "trampling constitutional rights and eroding" the very rule of law, PDP president Mehbooba Mufti said on Friday. Her remarks came after Jammu

and Kashmir Director General of

Police RR Swain on Sunday said that locals, who are found supporting foreign terrorists will be dealt with under the Enemy Agents Ordinance, which is much harsher than the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act. "Jammu Kashmir police's re-

cent decision of invoking the draconian Enemy Ordinance Act from the Maharaja's era

against its own citizens on mere suspicion of abetting & aiding militants isnt only deeply concerning but a major breach of justice," the former chief minister of the erstwhile state of J-K, said in a post on X. She said these archaic laws

"violate" human rights and the punishments accompanying it are "grossly incompatible with principles and values of justice enshrined in the Constitution".

"GOIs (Government of India's) quest to address security concerns shouldn't come at the cost of trampling constitutional rights & eroding the very rule of law," she added. Mehbooba's daughter and her media advisor, Iltija Mufti, said such actions suggest that there will be little change in the BJP's

policy regarding Kashmir. "What does J&K admins recent decision of arresting Mian Qayoom, banning JK High Court Bar Association elections & @ ImuKmrPolice invoking a draconian law from the erstwhile Maharaja's era tell you? That even after losing its brute majority there

will be little change in BJPs policy

vis - a -vis Kashmir," Iltija said on X.

She was also referring to the arrest of former president of the Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association, Mian Abdul Qayoom, for his alleged involvement in the murder conspiracy of fellow advocate Babar Qadri in 2020. Qayoom was arrested on

Tuesday. On the same day, au-

thorities banned the polls to the

Jammu and Kashmir High Court

Bar Association on grounds that it is not registered with the competent authority and on apprehensions of breach of peace.

"This sudden slew of repressive actions is also to punish Kashmiris for exercising their right to vote to wholeheartedly reject Delhi's illegal revocation of J&K's special status as well as its deeply disliked proxy parties," she alleged.

leader said the injured were rushed

to hospitals immediately and the min-

istry is ensuring that proper medical

evacuate the entire building as a pre-

cautionary measure. All flight opera-

tions from T1 were also stopped and,

to avoid passenger inconvenience, we

transferred all the traffic to T2 and T3,

where additional manpower was pro-

Sharing details of a review meeting

he had with the Civil Aviation secretary

and officials of the Directorate General

of Civil Aviation (DGCA) and Airports

Authority of India, among others, the

minister said a 24X7 war room has

been set up so that passengers can get

refunds within seven days or an "alter-

nate choice of travel". Helpline num-

Highlighting the advisory to airlines

against raising airfares on routes to

and from Delhi, the minister said the

focus is also on trying to find out why

When it was pointed out to him that

a portion of the canopy at the Jabalpur

airport had also fallen on Thursday,

Mr Naidu said, "There have been two

back-to-back incidents and we were

very concerned. A structural engineer-

ing team from IIT Delhi has also been

brought in to investigate... A team is

also being sent to Jabalpur. All of the

nearly 157 airports in the country will

see a structural inspection being done.

I have asked for a report on my table

see what needs to be done, whether

it is regulation or a policy framework.

Passenger convenience and safety has

been my motto right from day one

of taking charge of the ministry," he

the injured in the hospital and thank-

ing the staff members involved in

the rescue operation, Mr Naidu said

he had done so because he was con-

When he was asked about visiting

"When we get the reports, we will

within two to five days."

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the collapse happened.

IIT Team

"One of the first things we did was to

care is given to them.

vided," he said.

War Room

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J&K Police A

inflict some harm, they cannot defeat the police forces and their resolve. "Rest assured, we will defeat them. It is our resolve," Swain said.

He also said the police are wellequipped with advanced weaponry, including arms from Israel and Germany. "We have no weaknesses as far as arms are concerned," the DGP

JKP To Arm Up

encounter that saw killing of two foreign terrorists, the DGP Swain said that police were procuring weapons from Israel and Germany to boost its weaponry. "We will be having the latest weapon system to counter our enemy," he said, in response to a query that slain terrorists in Doda encounter were having United States (US) made M-4 carbines with them.

The DGP with the new procurement of arms from Israel and Germany will give a boost to the police forces' weaponry and also help tackle the enemy in a much better way. "Terrorists can give us a leg cut but can't defeat us,' he said.

It may be recalled that between June 9 and 12, four terrorism-related incidents in the Reasi, Doda and Kathua districts of hilly Jammu claimed the lives of ten people, including seven pilgrims returning from the Shiv Khori temple and a Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) jawan and left many others injured. DGP Swain recently stated that police were ready to take on foreign terrorists in Jammu and will not shy from firing the first bullet. In recent two encounters at Kathua and Doda. five foreign terrorists were killed and three US made M-4 carbines were recovered from them besides other weapons.

The DGP while hailing the courage and valour of Kathua people, said that when he served as the SSP in the district, elderly people would often tell him the tales of how locals of Kathua supported the army in wars against the enemy including the 1965 war. "Patriotism is deeply filled in the hearts of Kathua people. We have decided to strengthen the Village Defence Guards (VDGs) of Kathua district." he said.

About the regularisation of SPOs, OGP Swain said that police top brass has unanimously decided to move beyond the normal procedure and regularise the SPOs who take terrorists head on. "The brave acts of SPOs will be recognised and within 24 hours, the SPOs will be regularised for their brave acts," he said in his message to all 20,000 SPOs serving the J&K police. (KNO)

the arrangements have been made." The CCTVs have also been installed on National Highways to strengthen the security and address the traffic related issues.

The 52-day long pilgrimage to the cave shrine at a height of about 13,000 feet in South Kashmir Himalayas will begin on June 29. The yatra will continue till August 19. So Over 4.5 lakh pilgrims had paid their obeisance at the naturally formed ice-shivlingam inside the cave shrine in Kashmir Himalavas last vear. So far 3.5 lakh pilgrims registered for Yatra, while a large number is expected due to increased quota of spot registration.

Amarnath Yatra

collective responsibility of the society to make every step of this journey blissful. J-K has glorious heritage of harmony, tolerance and brotherhood. It is the land of almost all religions known to mankind. These values deeply embedded in society are expressed in this yatra and everyone irrespective of religion and caste participates in serving the pilgrims," Sinha said.

Speaking to reporters at the SKICC, the LG said for the past three-four years, a tradition has been established in Jammu and Kashmir to hold discussions with religious leaders, elected representatives, civil society members, and various district officials before the vatra.

"Today, the first group of pilgrims eparted from Bhagwati Nagar, departed Jammu, and has reached the Nunwan and Baltal camps. Keeping this in mind, there was a discussion held in a very good atmosphere with civil society members, elected representatives, religious leaders, and key administration officials," he said.

Over the past three to four years, I have observed that everyone provides support in every possible way and maintains the old traditions of Jammu and Kashmir, Sinha said.

"I hope that this year's yatra will be better than the previous years," he added.

The first batch of the annual yatra with 4,603 pilgrims reached the Kashmir valley on Friday amid stringent security arrangements. Local Muslims joined senior officials of police and civil administration at several places to welcome the vatris upon their arrival in the valley. The first batch was earlier flagged off from the Bhagwati Nagar Jammu base camp early morning by Sinha.

and checkpoints, have been made to ensure a smooth yatra, a senior official told PTI.

"Traffic restrictions will be imposed on various routes from June 28 to August 19, with daily advisories issued to minimise inconvenience," the official said.

According to reports, more than 3.50 lakh people have registered for this year's yatra. As many as 125 community kitchens (langars) have been set up along the two routes to the cave shrine and are supported by over 6,000 volunteers.

Jio, Airtel Hike on capital," the telco said.

Airtel's move comes close on the heels of tariff hike announcement by Reliance Jio, and market watchers expect a similar tariff hike move from Vodafone Idea soon.

Jio, India's largest telecom operator, announced a 12-27 per cent hike in mobile tariffs on Thursday.

That said, a look at the tariff and rate hikes announced by the two telcos respectively, indicates that most of the Airtel mobile plans will still cost more than that of Reliance Jio.

Airtel, in fact, has been strongly advocating the need for tariff hike in the industry, and has time-and-again flagged the 'absurdly low' levels of rates prevailing in India compared to other parts of the world.

Among the unlimited voice plans, Airtel has raised tariffs in the ballpark range of about 11 per cent, and accordingly rates are revised from Rs 179 to Rs 199; from Rs 455 to Rs 509; and from Rs 1,799 to Rs 1,999.

In the daily data plan category, the Rs 479 plan that comes with a 56-day validity and 1.5GB/day, has been increased to Rs 579 (20.8 per cent hike).

The 1GB/day plan with 28-day validity has been tweaked from Rs 265 to Rs 299, whereas the 1.5GB/day offering has increased from Rs 299 to Rs 349.

In the longer 84-day validity plans subscribers will have to shell out Rs 140 more (in absolute terms) depending on the offering. Here, the 1.5GB/ day offering has been raised from Rs 719 to Rs 859, while the 2GB/day offering has been raised from Rs 839 to Rs 979.

The data add-ons too have become dearer -- for 1GB and one day validity, the rates have been increased from Rs 19 to Rs 22; and in case of 2GB, the prices will move from Rs 29 to Rs 33. The 4GB add-on, with 65-day validity, has been hiked from Rs 65 to Rs 77. The post paid rates will see 10-20 per cent increase, translating to Rs 50-200 hike in absolute terms depending on number of connections and benefits dished out.

Amidst the chaos, the boy remains one of the few individuals who choose to stay behind. However, his life takes an unexpected turn when a Captain of the Indian Army enlists his help in protagonist finds himself embroiled in

moral dilemmas amid conflict through deeply human characters had struck a chord with readers worldwide. Through its complex characters and nuanced exploration of a sensitive period, the novel provided an intimate glimpse into Kashmir's realities. The novel explores the fragile dynamics of trust, the harsh realities of war, and the impact of armed conflicts on individuals and communities.

The Collaborator, was an international bestseller, a finalist for the Guardian First Book Award and the Shakti Bhat Prize, and was longlisted for the Desmond Elliott Prize. In 2011, Waterstones selected it as part of its big literary debut promotion, 'Waterstones 11'. It was also a book of the year for The Telegraph, New Statesman, Financial Times, Business Standard, and Telegraph India, among others.

"The book shattered and shred-ded me emotionally," Mulberry Films Producer Gopi Sait had said in a newspaper interview in 2013 when the novel was acquired for a film by the New York-based independent film company.

"Before reading 'The Collaborator', I read many pieces on Kashmir and had seen some Indian films on the Kashmir issue. But I was quite disappointed that in all that melodramatic nonsense the rich meaning of a story like this was being lost," Gopi was quoted as saying by the Kashmir Reader.

"I re-read 'The Collaborator' again over a period of month, slowly taking in the ideas and larger context of the story. I was left speechless with what Mirza has achieved and brought to life with such honesty and integrity,' Gopi said. "I felt that this was important on so many levels. Mirza had done something extraordinary something so special here with this book that I was compelled to ask him if we could possibly tackle this book into a feature film adaptation of his beloved work. Gopi had informed back then that the film will be shot in English and local dialects, but predominantly it will be in English since the book is also available in English. "We want to reach out to as far as the littlest corner around the earth with this film, so English makes more sense."

The situation escalated further as opposition members stormed the well of the upper house.

Expressing shock, Dhankar said. "Honourable Members, today has become so tainted in the history of the Indian Parliament that the Leader of the Opposition himself has come to the well. This has never happened before. I am pained, I am shocked. The Indian parliamentary tradition will deteriorate to such an extent that the Leader of the Opposition will come to the well, the Deputy Leader will come to the well'

No business was conducted in the lower house with the Opposition holding strong on its demand for a discussion on NEET.

Newly elected MP Kangana Ranaut, commenting on the scene, criticized the opposition's conduct and said, "You saw their conduct there. Speaker too rebuked them...But it seems that they (Opposition) are not ready to listen to anyone. We are here for the first time and we too were flummoxed as to what has happened...It felt bad to see them not letting anyone speak. Forgetting the discussion on the Motion of Thanks to President's Address, they were acting arbitrarily... I don't think such conduct should be acceptable.

Congress MP Manish Tewari expressed disappointment that there was no discussion in the parliament on the NEET issue.

"There are two germane issues. The first is NEET where you have lakhs of students impacted as a result of the paper leak, and the second is those criminal laws which are to be implemented from 1st July 2024. So, an adjournment motion notice had been given on NEET by the INDIA Alliance partners. I had specifically given a notice concerning the criminal laws, that their implementation must be stopped. Unfortunately, this was not discussed," Manish Tewari said. (ANI)

Kashmir Grapples

often faces bed shortages, resulting in multiple patients sharing a single bed

MeT Predicts

few places may experience moderate thunderstorm and lightning as well during the period. Besides ammu & K

cerned and also wanted to express his gratitude. "I wanted to give that sense of confidence that the government is there

for them and the minister is there for them. It's through these gestures that I want to send a message to the people of the country that the Civil Aviation Ministry is your ministry; we care and we are listening to you," he said. 'Political Brownie Points' On the opposition claiming that the roof fell in the terminal that was inaugurated by PM Modi three months ago, Mr Naidu stressed that this was not the case. "This is fake news. The collapse happened in a part of a building that was constructed and inaugurated in 2009. This is not an excuse, but linking it to the inauguration is totally fake news. I don't think this is where people should try to score political brownie points... I wanted to see political maturity," he said.

tracking the soldiers' kills. His grim task involves collecting IDs from the deceased, fearing, each day, that he will discover one of his friends, lying amongst the dead. Caught between loyalty to his community and the complexity of his new role, the young

a dangerous game. Waheed's unflinching portrayal of

LG Flags Off First have been made for the yatra and

this time also the J & K administration has made all the necessary arrangements, and security has been heightened." He sought support from locals in making the Yatra a grand success adding that "elaborate security arrangements have been put in place for the smooth conduct of the pilgrimage.

He also posted on social media about the ceremony. The post from Office of LG J&K reads, "Flagged off first batch of devotees for the pilgrimage to the holy cave of Shri Amarnath Ji. My best wishes to all the pilgrims for a safe, blessed, and spiritually enriching journey. May the blessings of Baba Amarnath Ji bring peace, happiness & prosperity to everyone's life".

Ahead of the Amarnath Yatra, thousands of pilgrims have reached Jammu. The first batch will travel in high security in a convoy and reach Pahalgam and Baltal base camp where they will start their Amarnath Yatra.

The pilgrims were seen chanting "Bham Bham Bholey" and dancing in excrement to be part of the first batch of Amarnath Yatra. Among the 4603 pilgrims, 3631 were male, 711 females, 252 Sadhus and nine children. They were travelling a cavalcade of 231 vehicles.

Meanwhile, the BJP leader Devender Singh Rana, who also accompanied LG at the ceremony said, "We hope that with the grace of Bhole Shankar, this year also the yatra will bring happiness and would be a good experience for everyone...like every year. People will get Jammu and Kashmir resident's love, affection and care. The people from all over the nation will receive the blessings of Lord Shiva. Whole India and Jammu and Kashmir will fasten its way of the path of development. Like every year, this year also all

Yatris Accorded

The 52-day pilgrimage will begin from the twin tracks -- the traditional 48-km Nunwan-Pahalgam route in Anantnag and the 14-km Baltal route in Ganderbal -- on Saturday and conclude on August 19.

The officials said the pilgrims reached the valley through the Navyug tunnel in Qazigund area of south Kashmir's Kulgam district in a cavalcade of 231 light and heavy vehicles where they were welcomed by Kulgam Deputy Commissioner (DC) Athar Aamir Khan, SSP Kulgam, members of civil society, trade fraternity, fruit growers, and market associations.

"We welcome all of them. There are proper arrangements in place for them." Khan told reporters.

The officials said the pilgrim convoys left separately for the base camps in Baltal and Pahalgam from where they will leave for the 3,880-metre-high holy cave shrine early on Saturday.

While pilgrims taking the Pahalgam axis were welcomed at Anantnag by Deputy Commissioner Syeed Fakhrudin Hamid and other officials, the yatris on their way to the cave shrine via the Baltal axis were welcomed at Pantha Chowk in Srinagar by Deputy Commissioner Bilal Mohi-uddin Bhat and others, including locals.

The convoy was also later welcomed in Bandipora where it was given a rousing reception, the officials added.

Earlier on Friday morning, amid chants of "Bum Bum Bhole" and "Har Har Mahadev", Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha flagged off the first batch from the Yatri Niwas base camp at Bhagwati Nagar in Jammu.

Sinha wished the pilgrims a safe journey.

"May the blessings of Baba Amarnath ji bring peace, happiness and prosperity to everyone's life," he said.

Comprehensive arrangements, including three-tier security, area dominations, elaborate route deployment

Airtel said that the new prices apply to all circles, including Bharti Hexacom Ltd circles.

First Poster Of

earlier this year.

According to Variety, a Los Angeles based entertainment news magazine, British actor Rudi Dharmalingam, known for 'The Lazarus Project' and 'Wakefield,' takes on the role of Captain Kadian, while newcomer Nikhil Singh Rai secured the part of the Boy after a rigorous two-year search. The film also features talents like Nitin Ganatra, Vikram Kapadia, and Meera Ganatra.

The executive producers of the film are MxW Ventures and CnR Films, and its international sales will be handled by Locomotive Entertainment. Travis Hodgkins, producer of A New Christmas, makes his directorial debut with this project.

The project stands as the second collaboration this year between producers Rashaana Shah and Cristy Coors Beasley, following their work on the sports drama "American Underdog." The film boasts a talented crew including cinematographer Johan Holmqvist, editor Jamie Kirkpatrick, and composer Wayne Sharpe.

"As war rages in India's volatile border region of Kashmir, a young boy is recruited by an Indian army officer to perform a grim task, to go into the valley where Kashmiri rebels have been killed and retrieve their weapons and ID cards," reads the description of the film on IMDB.com.

Set along the Line of Control, the novel revolves around an unnamed Kashmiri boy in his late teens, who serves as the protagonist. As the son of the village Sarpanch, he witnesses the gradual disappearance of his friends, who join the militancy one by one, leaving the once-thriving community devastated.

Railways To Add Devi Katra Railway Station every

Thursday and Monday.

They further said that a new train will also start from New Delhi on July 3, while from Katra this train will run on July 4 and will have halts at Sonipat, Panipat, Karnal, Kurukshetra Junction, Ambala Cantt, Jalandhar Cantt, Pathankot Cantt, Jammu Tawi and Shaheed Captain Tushar Mahajan Udhampur railway station on both sides.

"At the same time, the weekly special train running between Safdarjung and Shaheed Captain Tushar Mahajan Udhampur will also make five additional trips and it will start operating from July 1 till July 30.'

Train number 04141 will run from Safdarjung Railway Station on every Monday whereas train number 04142 will run from Shaheed Captain Tushar Mahajan Udhampur Railway Station on every Tuesday, they said.

Moreover, railway authorities extended the Dome train service between Banihal and Bdugam in view of the Yatra toll September 9, 2024. (KNO)

Uproar In Parliament

Rajya Sabha...There have been such big scams, the NEET exam, the paper has been leaked, and lakhs of children are worried. So to draw attention to the problem of people, we asked for a specific discussion. We did not want to disturb anyone, we only wanted to raise the issues of the students...But he did not give it a chance, did not even pay attention to it and that is why we had to do this."

ued to witness soaring temperatures for the last few days with Srinagar, the summer capital of the Union Territory, today recording 32.8 degree Celsius.

As per the details, the majority of the places recorded above 30 degree Celsius temperature today. Qazigund, a gateway of Kashmir, recorded 32.1 degree Celsius while Kupwara also recorded 31.7 degree Celsius.

Kokernag in South Kashmir recorded 31.9 degree Celsius while Pahalgam, a famous tourist destination and Gulmarg, a famous ski-resort recorded 29.4 degree Celsius and 24.0 degree Celsius respectively.

Although there was a bit respite from the heat wave in Jammu areas, but the temperature continued to settle around 40 degree Celsius with Jammu City seething at 38.6 degree Celsius while Banihal, Katra and Bhaderwah recorded 30.4 degree Celsius, 34.6 degree Celsius and 35.4 degree Celsius respectively.

Batote in Jammu division recorded a maximum temperature of 28.4 degree Celsius, the details reveal.

All Airports

passengers is his top priority. The cab driver was killed and five others were injured in the collapse, which occurred around 5.30 am at Terminal 1 of the Indira Gandhi International Airport, which is one of the world's busiest airports. Operations were stopped at the terminal for the rest of the day, leading to IndiGo and SpiceJet, the only two airlines that operate from there, cancelling some flights and moving others to Terminals 2 and 3.

"It is an unfortunate accident, especially in the very early days of me taking charge of the ministry. As soon as I knew that such an incident happened, I wanted to rush to the airport. It was a little challenging at the time considering there was heavy rain and there was traffic congestion across Delhi, but one thing I have to mention is the kind of encouragement I got from PM Narendra Modi. He called me immediately and gave me encouragement and guidance on how to handle such a crisis," Mr Naidu, who went to the airport soon after the accident, said.

The Telugu Desam Party (TDP)

Kashmir-born Vikram

and the Prime Minister's Office. He was the Ambassador to China from January 2019 to December 2021 and held ambassadorial positions in Spain and Myanmar. Appointed as Deputy NSA on January 1, 2022, Misri also served as Private Secretary to Prime Ministers Inder Kumar Gujral, Manmohan Singh, and Narendra Modi.

His experience includes roles in Indian Missions across Europe, Africa, Asia, and North America. Misri was Under Secretary in the Office of the External Affairs Minister from November 1996 to April 1997 and Private Secretary to I.K. Gujral from April 1997 to March 1998. He handled the Pakistan Desk in the Ministry of External Affairs as Under Secretary/Deputy Secretary from April 1998 to August 2000.

Misri also served as Director in the Office of the External Affairs Minister under Pranab Mukherjee from November 2006 to September 2008. He was Joint Secretary in the PMO from March 2012 to October 2012 and Private Secretary to Prime Minister Dr. Manmohan Singh from October 2012 to May 2014.

Known for his expertise in China, Misri held his last ambassadorial posting in Beijing and is considered one of the top officials handling China affairs in the external affairs ministry.

Experts believe Misri is well-suited for the role of foreign secretary due to his deep understanding of China, which remains India's primary foreign policy challenge.

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Over 625,000 Gaza children out of school

for months amid Israel war: Unrwa

Iran elections show 'robust' voter turnout: Iranian interim president

Agenceis

Iran's Interim President Mohammad Mokhber said on Friday that the voter turnout in the presidential election is "robust", according to initial reports from polling stations.

"My observations from visits to different stations confirm that there is robust participation in the electoral process," he said.

The elections are being held due to the tragic death of former President Ebrahim Raisi, who was killed in a helicopter crash that occurred in Iran's East Azerbaijan Province on May 19.

People have always recognized the responsibility and have demonstrated large participation on different occasions, including elections," said Mokhber on his visit to Lorzadeh Mosque in Tehran, attributing the successful turnout to the government's preparedness.

Polling stations across Iran opened on Friday morning for the 14th presidential election. The voting period began at 8 am local

time, and the polls are expected to close at 6 pm, with the Interior Ministry having the option to extend voting if necessary.

Who are the candidates?

Agenceis

Thursday night's de-

bate would erase worries that

the 81-year-old was too old

to serve another term, but his

hoarse voice and at times ten-

tative performance against Re-

publican rival Donald Trump

have faced concerns about their

age and fitness in the run-up to

the Nov. 5 election, but they have

weighed more heavily on Biden.

hoarse from a cold, Biden hur-

On Thursday, with his voice

Biden and Trump, 78, both

did the opposite.

The remaining candidates are Saeed Jalili, Mohammad Bagher Qalibaf, Mostafa Pour Mohammadi, and Masoud Pezeshkian. Earlier, two candidates had withdrawn from the race at different times, the latest of which



mayor of Tehran. Zakani called on either Qalibaf or Jalili to leave the race and secure victory for Iran's **Revolutionary Front.**

The second candidate to withdraw was Amir-Hossein Ghazizadeh Hashemi, who withdrew on Wednesday.

Early projections of the election results are expected by Saturday morning, while the official results will be announced on Sunday.



The UN agency for Palestinian refugees says over 625,000 chil-

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"Play and learning activities provided by UNRWA teams are critical in preparing children to get back to school and restore their right to education," the UN agency said, posting photos of UNRWA staff training Gazan kids.

The regime has been attack-ing the densely-populated region non-stop for nearly nine months now, killing at least 15 thousand children, in defiance of a UN Security Council resolution demanding an immediate ceasefire. The regime has also imposed

a total blockade on the strip that has cut the flow of food, clean water, and medicine to the region.

Israel is accused of genocide at the International Court of Justice,



whose latest ruling ordered the regime to halt its offensive in Rafah immediately.

Last Saturday, the Gaza Government's Media Office said in a statement that at least 800.000 students of various educational levels have been deprived of their right to education in the region. It said about 40,000 high school students will not be able

to take this year's exams, which endangers their opportunities

in local and international higher education.

"40,000 high school students from various branches will not be able to participate in this year's session of the high school exams, representing an unprecedented violation that threatens their future and undermines their chances of enrolling in local and international universities and colleges," the media office added. The media office said, "85 percent of educational facilities are out of service due to direct and deliberate targeting, posing a significant challenge to efforts to resume the educational process after the war ends."

It said plans have been implemented to make up for the academic year for students to ensure that the academic year is not lost and that they possess the essential concepts and skills necessary for their continued learning.

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has shortened Friday sermons at mosques to protect worshippers from severe heat, amid rising summer temperatures linked to climate change.

The General Authority of Islamic Affairs, in a statement on Thursday, ordered preachers to limit Friday sermons to 10 minutes from June to October, when temperatures cool.

The sermons usually last for 20 minutes for the main weekly prayers on Fridays but can run even longer, with large crowds gathering outside mosques at midday.

The decision was aimed at ensuring "the safety of worshippers... especially during the summer months," the statement said. It coincides with UAE authorities' efforts to avoid heat strokes and other complications as temperatures approach 50 degrees Celsius (122 Fahrenheit) in parts of the country.

From June until September, the UAE prohibits work under direct sunlight and in open-air areas between noon and 3:00 p.m. as part of a longstanding "midday break" policy widely adopted across the Gulf.

The desert region, already one of the world's hottest, faces rising threats from high temperatures at-

A 'disaster': Biden's shaky start in debate with **Trump rattles Democrats**



ried through some of his talking points on the debate stage. S President Joe Biden's supporters had hoped stumbled over some answers and trailed off during others.

About halfway through the debate, a Democratic strategist who worked on Biden's 2020 campaign called it a "disaster."

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Trump unleashed a barrage of criticisms including wellworn falsehoods like migrants carrying out a crime wave and that Democrats support infan-

ticide. Early in the debate, Biden paused as he was making a point about Medicare and tax reform and seemed to lose his train of thought.



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