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HEATWAVE Crisis Hits Kashmir

Jhelum Water Levels Drop By 30%



Observer News Service

Srinagar: Amidst the persistent dry spell, most parts of Kashmir on Monday recorded heatwave with Srinagar recording a maximum temperature of 35.6 degree Celsius, subsequently declining the water level in river Jhelum by 30 per cent.

Srinagar, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir, was warmer than the Jammu division as the mercury settled above 5.7 degree Celsius than normal temperatures today.

Besides Srinagar, Qazigund, Pahalgam, Kupwara and Kokernag also recorded the heat wave amidst the forecast of persistent heat wave conditions in Jammu & Kashmir parts for the next 24 hours.

Qazigund, a gateway of Kashmir, has recorded a maximum temperature of 34.0 degree Celsius while Pahalgam, Kupwara and Kokernag have recorded the day temperature

20% Of Water **Supply 'Badly' Affected: PHE**

Agencies

Srinagar: After the protests erupted over water scarcity in the Valley, the administration on Monday said that nearly 20 percent of water supply has been affected in Kashmir.

15-20 percent of the valley's potable water supply is "badly affected", the Jal Shakti Department's Chief Engineer, Er. Vivek Kohli said, adding that the situation may deteriorate further in case the ongoing wet spell persists. | More On P6

of 30.2 degree Celsius, 35.6 degree Celsius and 33.5 degree Celsius respectively. | More On P6

All Political Parties Must Fight Together For Country: PM

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: Ahead of the start of Parliament's Budget session, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said people have given their verdict in the Lok Sabha polls and now all political parties must fight together for the country for the next five

years.
A day before the presentation of the Union Budget, Prime Minister Modi said the Budget will set the direction for the journey of the next five years and lay the foundation for fulfilling the dream of 'Viksit

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Prime Minister

Narendra Modi is likely to

attend the 25th anniver-

sary of the Kargil war in

Ladakh on July 26, officials

said here on Monday.

Top officials said that
PM Modi will pay trib-

ute to war heroes at the

War Memorial and inter-

act with war widows. The

grand celebration to mark

the 'Rajat Jyanti' of India's



PM To Attend Kargil Vijay Diwas Silver Jubilee

Speaking with the media before the start of the session, Modi also slammed the "negative politics" of

victory over Pakistan in the

1999 war is scheduled to

be conducted in Dras from

Chief of Defence Staff (CDS) Gen Anil Chauhan,

Army chief Gen Upendra

Dwivedi, IAF chief Air Chief

Marshal VR Chaudhari and

Navy chief Admiral Dinesh

Kumar Tripathi are also ex-

pected to attend the Silver

The officials said that

July 24 to 26.

Jubilee function.

Lieutenant

some parties and said they used Parliament's time to hide their failures.

PM Modi also hit out at opposition | More On P6

of Ladakh Brigadier BD

Mishra will visit Dras on

July 24 to review the ar-

rangements for the Prime

Minister's visit on July 26.

They said that after reach-

ing Dras, PM Modi will par-

ticipate in a wreath-laying

ceremony followed by the

seum of Kargil War arte-

facts and will be briefed on

the Kargil war by top Army

"He will inspect the mu-

visit to the Wall of Fame.

Press Trust Of India

Further Growth'

'Economic Survey

Identifies Areas For

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said the Economic Survey highlights the prevailing strengths of the economy and identifies areas for further growth and progress as "we move towards building a Viksit Bharat".

Sitharaman on Monday presented the | More On P6

They said that PM Modi

is also scheduled to inau-

gurate Shinku La tunnel

virtually and address the

gathering before depart-

ing from the Kargil War

Memorial. Kargil Vijay

Diwas is held every year at

Dras War Memorial on July

26 to mark India's victory

over Pakistan at the Kargil

heights after nearly three

months of war in which

around 500 Indian soldiers

lost their lives. | More On P6

shortly after presenting the Union budget for the ongoing On February 5 this year, Finance Minister Nirmala Rs 59,634 crore interim bud-

get for J&K was presented in the Parliament by Niramala Sitharaman. Sources said that the total budget estimates for J&K are expected to be Rs 1.18 lakh crore. Of which the revenue

for 2024-25 today (Tuesday)

J&K's Budget To

Srinagar: Jammu & Kashmir Union Territory's budget for

2024-25 would be unveiled

Be Unveiled In

Observer News Service

in the Lok Sabha

Union Finance

Minister Nirmala

Sitharaman

would present a statement

of estimated

receipts and

expenditure of

Iammu & Kashmir

Tuesday.

LS Today

expenditure is estimated to be Rs 80 lakh crore and capital expenditure is likely Rs 38 lakh

This would be the fifth consecutive budget of Jammu & Kashmir in the Parliament after imposition of Central rule in the erstwhile state. The budget document is being presented in the Parliament as J&K is currently without its own Assembly. Since June 19, 2018 when BJP withdrew support to Mehbooba Mufti-led government, J&K is without an elected government. | More On P6

AMARNATH YATRA 2024 Pilgrim Count Exceeds 4 Lakh Mark

Press Trust Of India

Srinagar: The number of pilgrims who paid obeisance to Lord Shiva at Amarnath cave shrine in South Kashmir crossed the four lakh mark on Monday as more than 12,000 yatris had darshan of the naturally formed ice lingam, officials said here.

"As many as 12,539 pilgrims pe the yatra on Monday and had darshan of Baba Bholenath on the 24th day of the annual yatra," the officials said. They said the number of pilgrims who have been to the 3,880-metre high cave shrine has now reached 4,08,518. | More On P6

'Ek Ped Shaheedo Ke Naam'

LG Calls For Tree-Planting Mass

Observer News Service

departments to ensure all arrangements for hassle-free and smooth Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir conduct of the Independence Day

> events across the Union Territory, an official spokesperson said. Sinha emphasised the importance of all stakeholders working togeth-

er to facilitate people's active participation and meticulous planning of activities and events to

The LG directed the district honour freedom fighters, unsung heroes and the martyrs. | More On P6

Movement To Honor Martyrs

Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Monday chaired a meeting with the deputy commissioners and senior officers of civil and police administration to review the preparations for Independence Day celebration.

administrations and the line

JKP Issues Alert On JeM Video

Observer News Service

Jammu: The Jammu and Kashmir Police on Monday issued an alert about a propaganda video by the pro-Pakistan banned terror outfit Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM), cautioning people against sharing it it as it may attract charges under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA).

The JeM has produced a 5 minute and 55 second video with a poster of the Bollywood movie Phantom. | More On P6

Fresh Terror Attack Thwarted In Rajouri

Press Trust Of India

IAMMU: Army troops thwarted a terrorist attack on a security post and house of a village defence guard (VDG) in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri district early Monday morning, officials said.

A cordon and search operation was launched to track down the terrorists, triggering gunfight,

A terrorist has been killed and a jawan and a civilian, kin of the VDG whose house was attacked, suffered injuries, according to sources.

"Terrorists attacked the house of a VDC (member) at Gunda, Rajouri at 03.10 hours. A nearby Army column reacted and a firefight ensued," White Knight Corps said on X. I More On P6

Will Not Allow Attempts To Spread Sectarian Discord: MMU

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Kashmir's top Muslim clergy, on Monday said they will not allow attempts to spread sectarian discord that can destroy peace and harmony in Jammu and Kashmir. Clergy met at the resi-

dence of Mirwaiz Umer Farooq under the auspices



of The Muttahida Majlise-Ulama (MMU), and later addressed the press.

the sectarian harmony. The religious leaders called for preserving the historic unity and harmony among different sects in Kashmir. The meeting presided over by MMU head

Mirwaiz Umar Farooq was attended by Maulana Rahmatullah Qasimi, Agha Syed Hassan al-Moosvi al-Safawi, | More On P6

CLARIFICATION

Kashmir Observer carried a news item under the headline "MMU Calls For Unity, Peace Amid Sectarian Tensions In Kashmir" on July 21, 2024 in which it was mentioned that Mutahida Ulama-e-Ahli Sunnat is led by Maulana Abdul Rasheed Dawoodi, Mutahida has clarified that Maulana Dawoodi is only its member and the group is not led by him. KO stands corrected and regrets the inadvertent error.

Baramulla Human Trafficking Case

3 More Minor Girls Rescued

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Police in Baramulla on Monday said to have rescued three more minor girls and arrested two persons involved in a case under FIR number 173/2024 of PS Baramulla.

"During the course of investigation of case FIR No. 173/2024 of PS Baramulla, it surfaced that two (02) more persons identified as Ghulam Mohammad Khan son of Ab Rehman resident of Narbal & Manzoor Ahmad Shah son of Gh Mohammad

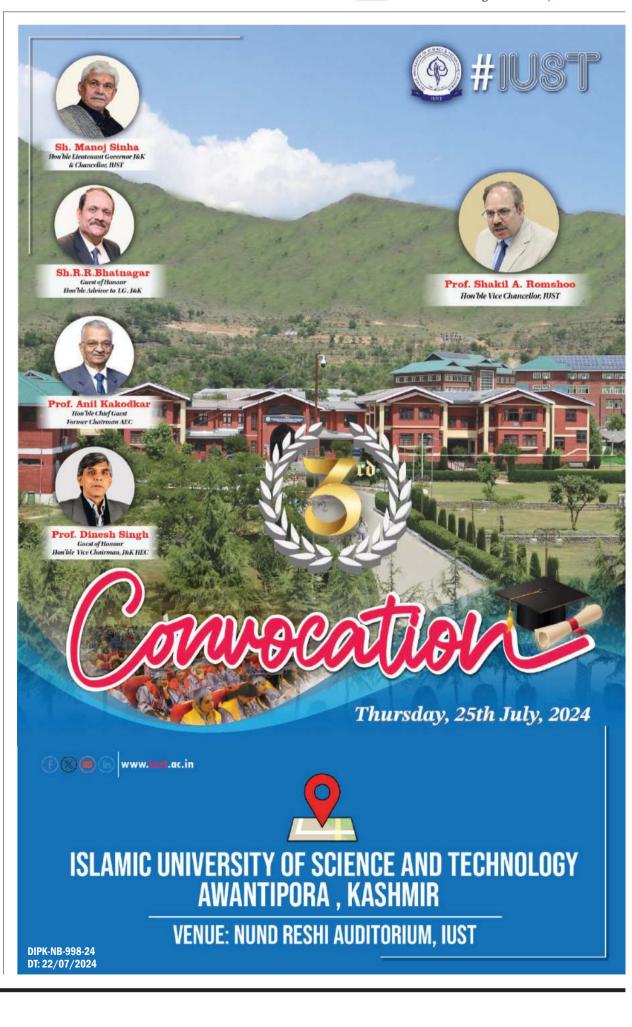
Ulema expressed a col-

lective resolve to counter

any attempts to disrupt

resident of Janbazpora, were also involved in the trafficking and exploitation of minor girls from outside the UT," a police spokesman said in a statement.

Subsequently, a police party of Police Station Baramulla headed by SHO PS Baramulla, | More On P6





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PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost my passport bearing no : N4331257 Now I have applied for the duplicate of the same if anybody has any objectio in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Regional Passport Office Srinagar within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Firdous Ahmad Mir S/o Saif-u-din Mir R/o Snoor kulipora Magam

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost my 8th pass certificate . Now I have applied for the issuance of duplicate. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/ her objection in the office of the Govt Middle School Iskanderpora within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. Mehmooda Bano

D/o Ghulam Ali Mir R/o Iskander Pora Beerwah Budgam

PUBLIC NOTICE

My name has been wrongly written in my Demat Account bearing AC/No 10340366 as Ghulam Mohammad Dobi S/o Abdul Rahman Dobi while my correct name is Gul Mohammad Dobi S/O Abdul Rahman Dobi which needs to be corrected. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the concerned office within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice After that no objection shall be entertained. **Gull Mohammad Dobi**

D/o Ali Mohammad Dar R/o Peth Mukhama Magam S/O Abdul Rahman Dobi

entertained.

Farida Bano

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have lost my Discharge

Now I have applied for the

duplicate of the same if

anybody has any objection

in this regard he/she may

file his/her objection in the

concerned office within a

period of seven days from

the date of publication

of this notice. After that

no objection shall be

Certificate of class 9th

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas I Hilal Ahmad Peer S/o Ali Mohd Peer R/o Shouch Palpora Tehsil Pattan District Baramulla intends to apply in the department of tourism for registration of my proposed travel unit under name and style of holy kashmir tour and travel Agency situated at Gulshanabad Bemina Srinagar under tourist trade act 1978/82/2011_12

Whereas,I will submit state domicile, qualification,pan card, experience.(min 5vrs) character(police verification) bank statement (10000) site plan ,affidavit,rent deed,daly attested by sub registrar printing material (letter head visiting card), photograph of the unit (indoor & outdoor) and 2 passport size photograph of the department of tourism as per prescribed checklist prior to registration of my unit as an

Now as per j&k registration of tourist trade act 1978/82/2011/12 before my case is processed for registration by the competent authority, the matter is hereby notified for information of general public/ financial institutions/bank organization etc.For objection if any and the same should reach to the assistant Director tourism Gulmarg registration (emaild peerhilal777@gmail.com) within a period of 15 days from the publication of this notice in leading local newspaper of the valley. No objection beyond a period of 15 days shall b entertained.

BEREAVED With profound grief, we

KHAN FAMILY

inform the demise of Bashir Ahmad Khan S/o Ghulam Mohammad Khan R/o Usman Abad Bemina ,Srinagar who left for heavenly abode on 21st July 2024 Sunday. May Almighty Allah grant Jannat-Ul-Firdous



to the departed soul. Mourning will be observed 3days and Fateh Khawani will be held on 23rd of July 2024 Tuesday at 10:00 AM at their ancestral graveyard Noor Bagh Waniyar near Police post.

> **BEREAVED:** 9697848948,7006780711

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR

Office Of The Excise Commissioner, J&K

EXCISE & TAXATION COMPLEX. RAILHEAD JAMMU Tel: 0191-2477977 & E-mail: excise.commr@ ik.gov.in

NOTICE FOR RE-AUCTION OF 01 RETAIL LIQUOR VEND (JKEL-2) LICENSE

- The instant notice is being issued for the convenience of prospective bidders who shall be participating in the e-auction notified for allotment of retail liquor vend (off-premises) at location Rajgarh Panchayat, Rajgarh, Excise Range Doda-Kishtwar-Ramban for sale of liquor for the year 2024-25 in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir. The detail of this location of liquor vend alongwith Minimum Guaranteed Quota (MGQ) and Minimum Guaranteed Revenue (MGR) per vend and Minimum Reserve Bid price is given in annexure-A at Serial No.23 to the J&K Excise Policy for the year 2024-25 issued vide S.O 85 Dated 1st of February, 2024 under Endorsement No. FD-ET/122/2021-03 Dated 01-02-2024 and bid document issued vide No. 58-EC of 2024 Dated 01-02-2024 under Endorsement No. EC/Exc/e-auction/2024-25/7181 Dated 01-02-2024 and approved by Finance Department vide Letter No. FD-ET/7/2023-03 Dated 01-02-2024.
- This vend shall be allotted during the Policy year 2024-25, subject to fulfillment of eligibility conditions as per Bid Document and J&K Excise Policy 2024-25. This vend shall sell, in retail, to the public under one roof JK-special Whisky/JK Country Liquor and Indian made foreign liquor including imported foreign liquor/beer/wine/cider/RTD which are permitted to be sold
- Re-auction for allotment of vend shall be done through the J&K Bank Ltd. on e-auction portal i.e. https://jkexcisedept.auctiontiger.net in a completely secure and transparent manner. The detailed procedure for re-auction/instructions to the bidders shall be available on the e-auction portal and on the official website of the department i.e.www.jkexcise.nic.in. The schedule of starting and closing of online bids for this location is given in the Annexure to this notice. All licenses issued through re-Auction shall determine on 31-03-2025 irrespective of date of issuance.
- The Minimum Reserve Price bid for this liquor vend shall be as per Annexure-A given in the Excise Policy 2024-25. The bidders can bid in increments of Rs.50000/- (Max 10 lacs) beyond the Reserve Price. In case afresh Highest H1 bid is received within 5 minutes before the scheduled closing time of bidding, the time for re-auction shall be automatically extended by another 5 minutes beyond the scheduled closing of the particular bid. A maximum of five such extensions shall be allowed, during which the bid increment shall be Rs.1,00,000/- (Max Rs.20 lacs).
- To ascertain the start time and end time of the e-auction for location Rajgarh Panchayat, Rajgarh, bidders are advised to read the Annexure of this notice.
- Prospective participants may visit the website/e-auction portal i.e. https://jkexcisedept.auctiontiger.net for information and detailed/ step-by-step procedure for re-auction and online submission of Participation fee, Earnest Money Deposit (EMD), and uploading of required documents in accordance with the Excise Policy, 2024-25.
- In order to submit e-bid, every prospective bidder is required to get himself/herself registered at https://jkexcisedept.auctiontiger.net. Registration of prospective bidders shall start from 21-07-2024 on the portal. All bidders are advised in their own interest to complete their registration well in time.
- For detailed terms and conditions including the conditions of eligibility, the conditions to be fulfilled before participation in the bid and those to be fulfilled by the successful bidder before Issuance of temporary/regular license, the time allowed for completion of these ies the detailed list mentioning locations in which the yends are to be one the number of vends in each such location, the conditions governing bidding for more than one vend, the MGR per vend, MGQ of JK Special Whisky/JK Country Liquor/Local IMFL Brands per vend and Minimum Reserve Bid Price for each vend, are given in the Excise Policy 2024-25 issued under SO 85 dated 01-02-2024 and the bid document. These can be downloaded from official website of the J&K Excise Department i.e. www.jkexcise.nic.in and e-Abgari portal i.e. https://eabgari.jkexcise.nic.in.
- 9. A bidder shall have to pay online EMD of Rs.10 lacs and non-refundable participation fee of Rs.50,000/-separately for each bid from his/her KYC/PAN linked bank account.
- 10. Prospective bidders are advised, in their own interest, to familiarize themselves thoroughly with the provisions of the J&K Excise Act 1958 Svt, and the Rules made there under, the provisions of the J&K Excise Policy for the year 2024-25 issued under SO 85 dated 01-02-2024 and with the area/location for which they intend to bid. This would enable them to bid effectively and with full knowledge of their business prospects as also their obligations/ responsibilities. They may visit the official website of the department i.e. www.jkexcise.nic.in and e-Abgari portal i.e. https://eabgarijkexcise.nic.in, for information related to J&K Excise Act & Rules made thereunder.
- The prospective participants/bidders are advised to make their requisite banking arrangements well in time.
- All the prospective bidders are hereby informed through this notice that those H1 bidders who fail to deposit Bid Amount within stipulated time period shall be proceeded against with the recovery of Bid Amount/License fee under the provisions of Jammu & Kashmir Land Revenue Act Svt.1996 (1939AD) as per para 2.3.20 of J&K Excise Policy, 2024-25.
- Defaulters of J&K Excise Department including those who failed to deposit bid amount as H1 bidder in the current as well as previous policy years shall be ineligible to participate in the current re-auction process in terms of 2.3.3 (i) of J&K Excise Policy, 2024-25.
- 14. The department reserves the right to withhold/cancel the result of e-auction of a location where poor participation/response has been received leading to potential loss to the
- A telephonic helpline number 0191-4064440 has been set up for providing assistance to the participants regarding re-auction. For any doubts/clarifications, prospective bidders may contact this number between 10.00 AM to 05:00 PM.

DIPK-3339/24 dated: 22-07-2024 (Pankaj Kumar Sharma) JKAS Excise Commissioner, J&K Dated 0-07-2024

Annexure

No.EC/Exc/e-auction/2024-25/ 2298

S. No.	Start Date	Start Time	END Date	End Time	DKR
1	26/07/2024	11:00 AM	27/07/2024	11:00 AM	Rajgarh Panchayat, Rajgarh

Wullar Manasbal Development Authority

Mail Id: wmdauthority@gmail.com E-BID Document (Auction ID:13487)

Outsourcing of Shop No 05 in shopping complex near Ancient Temple at Manasbal. No: CEO/WMDA/822-28 Dated: 18-7-2024

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of J&K UT, e-bids are invited online through GeM Portal for Outsourcing of Shop No 05 in shopping complex near Ancient Temple at Manasbal per year for a period of 05-years on license Basis through GeM Portal. @ Rs.0.21 Lacs (Twenty one thousand only)

per year with the corresponding increase of 10% on the yearty basis year after year.						
Name of Asset	Date	Remarks				
PO (Pre-Oualification) Submission Start Date	18.07.2024 = 10:00 AM	Nil				
PO (Pre-Qualification) Submission End Date	27.07.2024 = 04:00 PM	Nil				
PO (Pre-Oualification) Assessment End Date and Time	31.07.2024 = 02:30 PM	Nil				
EMD Start Date	01.08.2024 =10.00 AM	Nil				
	07.08.2024 = 04:00 PM	Nil				
EMD (Bid Security) Amount in Shape of CDR/FDR/DD	Rs.2100/- (Rupees. Two thou-	To be pledged in favor of				
	sand One hundred only)	Account's Officer WMDA				
BID Submission/Auction Start Date & Time	09.08.2024 =12.00 PM	Nil				
BID Submission/Auction End Date & Time	10.08.2024 = 1:30 PM	Nil				
Reserve Bid Amount	Rs.0.21 Lacs (Twenty one	10% escalation for each				
	thousand only) per year	successive year.				
	Name of Asset PQ (Pre-Qualification) Submission Start Date PQ (Pre-Qualification) Submission End Date PQ (Pre-Qualification) Assessment End Date PQ (Pre-Qualification) Assessment End Date and Time EMD Start Date EMD End Date EMD (Bid Security) Amount in Shape of CDR/FDR/DD BID Submission/Auction Start Date & Time BID Submission/Auction End Date & Time Reserve Bid Amount	Name of Asset Date				

The e-Auction shall be finalized by the Outsourcing committee under the Chairmanship of Director Tourism, Kashmir. Reliable/Resourceful and experienced agencies/Persons, who fulfill the ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA (Pre-Qualification) detailed as under shall only be eligible to participate in the e-bidding process.

Pre-Qualification (PO) CRITERIA (To be uploaded on GeM Portal)

1. The bidder shall have to upload Certificate of Registration for Hotel or Restaurant duly issued by the Tourism Department under J&K Registration of Tourist Trade Act or Relevant Qualification (Degree/Diploma/Certificate Course) in the Hospitality sector or having

experience in the Hospitality Sector with documentary proof to be uploaded.

2. The bidder shall have to upload a character Certificate from the concerned Additional Dy. Commissioner (ADC) or Police Station or

3. The Bidder shall have to upload self – attested PAN Card and Aadhar Card.

NOTE:- Preference will be given, first come first, to Departments/Institutions and individuals involved in Handicrafts, Handloom, and NRLM, intending to participate in the shops." Shop No 05 for Handicraft/ Handloom.

The Allottee will arrange for basic facilities like accommodation for his staff/electricity/drinking water/sanitation and not depend on Tourism Development Authority Manasbal, for the same.
 The Electricity/Water consumption chargers shall be payable by outsourcee.

The bidder should not be employee of any Govt. department or a public sector undertaking.
 The minimum reserve bid has been fixed at Rs.0.21 Lacs (Twenty one thousand only) per year for one shop per year with escalation of 10% for each successive year thereafter to be deposited 2 months before the due date from the start of every year in one go.

5. The bid offers should be above the minimum reserve bid.
6. The period of outsourcing shall be shall be on license basis for 05-years from the date of issuance of the formal allotment letter.
7. Eligible persons shall be allowed to participate in the e-bidding process only after uploading of relevant documents mentioned in the Eligibility Criteria and EMD (after qualifying pre qualification) in the shape of CDR, amounting to Rs.2100/- (Rupees. Two thousand One hundred only) pledged in favor of Account's Officer WMDA.
8. The successful bidder shall have to deposit 100% of the bid amount for the 1st year within a period of Seven Days In One Go after the cultural triangle of the control of the shape of CDR.

after the culmination of bidding process otherwise the claim shall get forfeited.

9. The contract shall be awarded for one year in the first instance and renewal of the same shall be subject to depositing of rentals for the each successive year in advance including 10% compound escalation, in one go, at least 2 months before the expiry of each

year. The department is in its right to cancel the contract.

10. In case the successful bidder fails to complete the term of contract, or leaves the contract half way or the contract is cancelled due to any disqualifications, the CDR shall be fortified.

11. The watch and ward, up-keeping, maintenance, cleanliness, insurance and fire safety equipment of the asset will have to be borne by the Allottee during entire period of allotment and nothing will be paid by Tourism Development Authority Manasbal in this regard.

12. The allottee will have to abide by all labour laws applicable in J&K and if any violation of the same is committed by him, the

action under rules may be initiated against the allottee by the concerned authorities.

The allottee is required to insure the asset at the time of taking the possession of asset. All the premiums will have to be

paid by the allottee. For security and safety reasons the allottee shall install CCTV Surveillance cameras in the entire premises and the footage

record, shall be available to Authority as and when required.

The interested parties should compulsorily visit and inspect the asset before participating in the e-bidding process and the physical position of the asset shall stand on "as is where is" basis. As such, no claim of any deficiency, addition, alteration, rectification in the asset would be entertained during/after bidding process. However, for up keeping the asset the licensee shall be allowed to take needy measures after following due procedure at his cost

The asset will not be used for any act or purpose which is illegal or not as per law.

The maintenance of the asset will be done by the outsourcee and the monitoring committee will carry periodical checks in

this regard. If the asset is found ill maintained or any complaint is received in this regard by any tourist or visitor, the contract will be liable The allottee shall not make any addition or alteration in premises without seeking prior permission in writing from the

Tourism Development Authority, WMDA. 19. The bidders should take into consideration the weather condition, security scenario, epidemic conditions etc. before submission of bids and in nor circumstances any sort of financial compensation, time extension rehabilitation etc. will be considered except natural calamities for which Government instruction which may be issued will be fulfilled in letter and spirit. Bidders are advised to check the asset and area before submission of offers, as no excuses later on will be entertained.

No extension of allotted asset beyond allotted time will be given at any cost. Rent Charges/Rates list as approved by Outsourced Committee for the facilities being provided shall have to be displayed

The allottee shall not transfer or sublet or assign its interest and privilege in license holder rights to any person or agency. The non-refundable document fee for prescribed amount should be deposited in through Demand Draft/G.R in the name of Accounts Officer, Tourism Development Authority Manasbal.
 The security deposit for the prescribed amount in the form of Demand Draft/Fixed Deposit/Bank guarantee in favour of

Accounts Officer WMDA, which will be released after smooth completion of outsourcing period of successful bidder/Allottee and for other participants the same will be released after fifteen days of the allotment issued to the successful bidder.

26. In case of any untoward/undesired commission of act by the successful tenderer/bidder or any of his staff member during the contract period the dispute have to be resolved by the successful tenderer/bidder himself and Development Authority shall have no

The offer below minimum bid price will be rejected and not entertained at all

Any offer with conditions incorporated by bidder will be rejected out rightly.
 In case the successful bidder fails to pay total amount in one go within the stipulated time period. The security deposit shall be forfeited, and the 2nd highest bidder shall be offered on the 1st highest bidder rates.

Any person who violates any of the terms and conditions should not submit his bid, as the submission of bid will be considered acceptance of all terms and conditions

The staff engaged by the allottee should be professional having experience in Hotel business, must be well dressed and should not cause any kind of in convenience to tourists / visitors.

The allottee has to provide their own uniform to staff engaged for the food court, as per the specification provided by The allottee shall bear all the costs and expenses for executing agreement.

The allottee shall be responsible for implementation of various laws applicable to commercial establishment. The allottee shall have to bear all taxes, levies etc, payable under different laws and other charges imposed by the

The allottee shall make necessary arrangements for fire protection in order to avoid any untoward incident.

Cleanliness of the allotted facility with adjacent area will be responsibility of the allottee. In case of non-compliance heavy

fine will be imposed on the defaulter by Tourism Development Authority, WMDA. The Allottee for the job shall have to execute an agreement with Tourism Development Authority, WMDA regarding the

On completion of the contract the successful bidder shall have to handover the infrastructure in the same manner in which it has been handed over to him.

40.The agency shall not raise any extra infrastructure within the outsourcing property. However, necessary repairs renovates whenever required to the asset during the period of outsource shall be carried by the outsourcee for up keeping property after due permission.

41. The terms and conditions as mentioned above shall be binding upon all the bidders and the successful bidder has to provide firefighting equipment at site duly approved by concerned department. In case of death of any unskilled or skilled labour, employee engaged by the outsource contractor on the job the allottee

shall be responsible for the compensation for such deaths under rules in – vogue in the UT/State of J&k.

43. All the items to be utilized should be eco-friendly. The waste disposal should be carried out on scientific lines and all the expenses is to be borne by allottee.

The allottee will have to get all items for running his business at his own expenses which may be needed from time to time This tourist destination is at present summer destination and the outsource will have to submit his bid cost to keep this in

view and no later argument in this regard will be considered.

47. The allottee should have to take possession of the allotted asset within seven days after drawing agreement with Tourism Development Authority Manasbal, (WMDA). The outsourcing period will be calculated from the date of taking possession of the asset.

In case of any dispute between the allottee and the WMDA the Administrative Department Tourism will be sole arbitrator and his decision will be binding on both the parties.

That outsourcee will keep the premises/property in good condition and any damage to the property/goods shall be borne The licensee has to insure the property through any Nationalized Insurance Company in the name of the Chief Executive officer WMDA, for which a letter of authority shall be issued by this office. The premium on this account shall be borne by the licensee. 52.Any dispute arising out of or inconnection with the contract, including any question regarding its existence, validity or termination, shall

be referred to and finally resolved by arbitration in accordance with the Jammu and Kashmir International Arbitration centre (arbitration proceeding) Rules for the time being in force, (JKIAC Rules), which rules are deemed to be incorporated by reference in the clause The seat of arbitration shall be Srinagar Kashmir.

The language of arbitration shall be English.

The law governing the contract shall be Laws of Jammu & Kashmir UT. Errors and Omissions Excepted.

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Chief Executive Officer.

FCIK/ KSSIA condole death of Industrialist Magrey



The Industrial fraternity across Kashmir valley has expressed grief and sorrow over the sudden demise of prominent entrepreneur and leader Nazir Ahmad Magrey of Gousia Printers Baghi Ali

Magrey breathed his last on Sunday while travelling back from Chandigarh where he had gone in connection with his business. A pal of gloom descended on the entire industrial fraternity besides the locality of the residence of deceased Gili Kadal on hearing

Magrey was an upright highly educated entrepreneur who had carved out his unique place for his business dealings and services rendered to the industrial fraternity through local and apex

Condoling the demise, Federation of Chambers of Industries Kashmir (FCIK) has remembered Magrey as technically sound entrepreneur whose suggestions lead to industrial policy corrections from time to time. Magrey has served in the Executive council of FCIK for long time. While conveying sympathies and condolences with the bereaved family, the FCIK President has prayed for his eternal peace.

Kashmir Small Scale Industrial Association (KSSIA) has conveyed condolences over the demise of its past vice president Nazir Ahmad Magrey. In a condolence meeting, the President and other members of KSSIA paid glorious tributes to the deceased leader and remembered his services towards the development of industrial units in general and those associated with KSSIA in particular. Earlier a large number of Association leaders including President Syed Fazal Illahi, Shakeel Qalander, Ghulam Mohiuddin, Syed Haamid Chashoo, Omar Nazim, Manzoor Ahmad Khan, Sahil Zargar and others participated in the funeral prayers of the deceased held after midnight at 2.0 AM. A delegation of KSSIA also visited the residence of the deceased to express personal condolences to the bereaved family.

Condolences are also pouring in from industrial leaders across Kashmir valley besides a large number is visiting the residence of deceased for conveying sympathies.

از دفتر نائب تحصيلدار كلنتره

عنوان:مضمون درخواست بلال احمدلون ونديم احمدلون پسران غلام محمدلون ساكنه ناگر بل تخصيل كريري بمرادعطا یلی RBA کتSRO294 اشتہار بمرادآ گاہی ہرخاص وعام

معامله مندرجةعنوان الصدر لميس درخوست سائل دفتر مذامين زيركاروائي ہےاس نسبت پیواری حلقه سے رپورٹ بشمول مطلوبہ نقوالات ریکارڈ طلب کے گئے جس سے عہاں ہوتا ہے کہ سائل سائلہ موضع ناگربل مخصیل کربری کاسکونت دار ہے کمبنہ کی سالانہ آمدنی مبلغ681160 رویے تک ہے۔ کمینہ بذیل افراد پر شمل ہے

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ا سکے علاوہ کوئی بھی افراد کمبنہیں بتلایا گیاہے سڑٹھیکیٹ زیر بحث ادا کرنے میں اگر کٹی خص یا اشخاص کوکوئی عذریا اعتراض ہوتو وہ اپناعذریا اعتراض ساتھ یوم کے اندریٹیش کریں۔ میعادگزرنے کے بعد کوئی عذریااعتراض قابلِ قبول نہں ہوگاہ۔

نائب تخصيلدار

Dar'ke Azadari **Heritage Walks Commence In Srinagar**

Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: While most people including young adults, prefer to stay indoors in the summer heat, a group of students of various ages are busy exploring the unique heritage spaces of Srinagar city.

This year, summer coincides with Muharram, the Islamic lunar month when Muslims across the globe commemorate the martyrdom of Imam Hussain (A.S) and his family and companions in the tragic Battle of Karbala.

In Kashmir, people annually pay tribute to Imam Hussain (A.S) by participating in traditional Marsiya Khwani, Nouha, and processions through the old neighborhoods of the region.

In recent years, a group of young and middle-aged individuals has joined forces to explore and document the commemorative aspects of Muharram in Kashmir. The "Muharram in Kashmir" heritage walks are organized and conducted by Ilyas Rizvi, an art and craft consultant

and heritage researcher. Speaking to Kashmir Observer, Ilyas Rizvi said that the "Dar'ke Azadari" Heritage Walk offers participants of all ages a firsthand experience of places that are unique not only in routine but become especially sig-

nificant during Muharram. "The walks are a series in the making, involving a young group working together over the next

Observer News Service

Srinagar: In order to

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2024 in the District

the Deputy Commis-

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Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din

Bhat Monday convened

a meeting of Officers

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Meeting Hall of the DC

reviewed in detail the

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The walks are a series in the making, involving a young group working together over the next few weeks to create stories about Muharram and the multidimensional aspects of Azadari, the mourning rituals

few weeks to create stories about Muharram and the multidimensional aspects of Azadari, the mourning rituals," Ilyas said.

"They will also have the chance to research and learn about rare and historically significant spaces in old Srinagar city," Rizvi added.

The walks are part of the annual "Mashq e Arba'een Exhibition" scheduled for August, a yearly tribute to Imam Hussain from the creative group and artists.

Rizvi said, "This year, summer vacations in universities and colleges coincide with Muharram. We thought, why not utilize the opportunity to explore and study architecturally unique spaces in the Shia community that appear very different

Ilyas added that the focus extends beyond just architecture. The group is busy researching and studying the historical and socio-cultural significance of lesserknown Shia sites in Srinagar and beyond.

DC Srinagar Reviews Arrangements

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He highlighted the



KO photo, Abid Bhat

6 Houses Gutted In Separate Fire Incidents In Srinagar

Srinagar: At least six residential houses were damaged while a firefighter was injured in twin fire incidents in Hawal and Rajbagh areas of Srinagar on Monday, officials said.

They added that four residential houses were damaged in Hawal area, while two residential houses were damaged in Rajbagh Srinagar.

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An official told the news agency-KNO that the twin fire incidents occurred in Srinagar areas today, damaging six residential houses and leading to an injury to a

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fire-fighter as well.

Sharing details about the damage in Hawal, the official added that four residential houses, all doublestorey, were damaged in the fire incident due to an electric short circuit.

Roofing, including the attic portion of all structures, and the second floor of one house were damaged in the fire. The rest of the property sustained indirect damage due to heat, smoke, and water, he said.

Regarding the fire incident at Rajbagh, he added that it also occurred due to a short circuit, and two houses were damaged there.

"Roofing, including the attic portion and the first floor of a doublestorey house were damaged in the fire. One side of the wooden eaves and windows with glass of a threestorey house were also partially damaged. However, the rest of the property sustained indirect damage due to heat, smoke, and water," he added.

Moreover, the official added that during the fire fighting operation at Rajbagh, a fire-fighter identified as Javaid Ahmad Magray was injured and was shifted to a health center for treatment.

Directorate of Animal Husbandry Kashmir

GIST OF e-NIT No. 04 - DAHK/DLPC of 2024 Dated: -20/07/2024

For and on behalf of H.E the Lieutenant Governor of UT of Jammu and Kashmir, e-tenders are invited under dual cover system (Technical & Financial Bid) by the Chairman Departmental Level Purchase Committee, Animal Husbandry Department, Kashmir-Srinagar from Original manufacturers/Authorized Dealers/Registered firms/ Authorized suppliers of repute (encumbrance free) possessing valid authorization of Principals for supply/installation/commissioning of Poultry Feed Plant for Poultry Project Hariparbath as per the specification mentioned in Annexure-A and on the terms & conditions given as under:-

Date of issue of Tender Notice	22-07-2024
Date of start of download of Bid document	22-07-2024
Online clarification start date	22-07-2024
Online clarification end date	26-07-2024
Online bid submission start date	29-07-2024
Online bid submission end date	17-08-2024
Date and timing of opening of technical bid	19-08-2024

The bid shall only be submitted after uploading the mandatory scanned copy of proof of payment of tender fee of Rs. 1,000/- (Rupees one thousand) pledged to Accounts Officer, Directorate of Animal Husbandry Kashmir (payable at Srinagar) which is non-refundable and non-transferrable. The original tender document fee should be deposited at Directorate of Animal Husbandry Kashmir in a sealed envelope within the stipulated period and should mention name of bidding firm/depositor, Tender Number & date of the tender.

EMD of Rs. 1,00,000/- (Rupees One Lac) in the shape of CDR/FDR having a validity period of not less than 24 months, pledged to Accounts Officer, Directorate of Animal Husbandry Kashmir)

DIPK-3373/24 dated: 22-07-2024

Member Secretary Departmental Level Purchase Committee **Animal Husbandry Department Kashmir**

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execution of all arrangements to ensure a grand celebration of Independence Day-2024.

On the occasion, the DC directed the Officers of all concerned Departments to work out a comprehensive plan in order to ensure all necessary preparations are made well in advance with regard to the March Past Parade, Cultural programs, commentary proceeding on the event. Dais flowering and other

ties to be put in place with regard to Seating arrangements, Transport & Parking facilities, Electricity & Water supply, Medical & First Aid, Fire and Emergency services. installation of PAS. erection of hoardings, catering arrangements, installation of LED screens and their proper positioning, hoisting of National Flag and Illumination of Government Buildings.

ے عیاں ہے کہ سائل موضع چندر سیر میں رہائش پذرہے یاور سائل نے آباو واجداد تیلی طبقے سے تعلق رکھتے چلے آرہے ہیں اور سائل بھی تیلی طبقے سے تعلق رکھتا ہے۔ سائل کا کنبہ

اس طور پرسائل کا کبنه 6افراد پر شتل ہے یہ سائلہ کے کنبہ کے مہوارہ آمدنی 16330 روپ ہے ۔ لہذا سرفظیف اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی مخص کوکوئی اعتراض ہوگا وہ اپنااعتراض ایک ہفتہ کے اندردوران دفترًى اوقات ميں اپناعتراض پیش کرے۔معیاُدگز رنے بعدکوئی بھی اعتراَض قابل

ار نیابت تلده م ورخواست منجانب عسماء مشاق احمد تنگی ساکند چندرسیر مخصیل پیش بغرض حصول ورخواست منجانب عسماء مشاق احمد تنگی ساکند چندرسیر مخصیل پیش بغرض حصول OBC سرنشکیٹ بذمرہ تنگی مرفاص وعام – معاملہ مندر دیج عنوان الصدر میں سائل ان نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول OBC سرنشکیٹ دفتر بذا بین چیش کیا ہے جو کہ زیر کاروا کی ہے۔ اس بارے میں پٹواری حاق ہے۔ دیورٹ طلب کی گئی جس ے عال ہے کہ مائل موضع چندر سر میں رہائش پذیرے اور سائل کے آباد واجداد تلی ۔ اندردوران دفتری اوقات میں اپنااعتراض پیش کرے۔معیاد گزرنے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل



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HIGHWAY STATUS



Sgr-Jammu highway - (Open) Mughal Road - (Open) Srinagar-Leh- (Open)



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This Day In History

- 1793 The Prussians conquer Mainz
- 1798 Napoleon captures Alexandria, Egypt 1812 - Battle of Mogilev Russia-Napoleon fights
- Tsar Alexander I 1914 - Austria-Hungary presents an ultimatum to
- Serbia; demanding acceptance within 48 hours making peacekeeping difficult
- 1929 The Fascist government in Italy bans the use of foreign words
- 1930 Earthquake strikes Ariano Italy, 1,500 killed
- 1942 German troops conquer Rostow
- 1942 World War II: Operation Edelweiss (a German plan to gain control over the Caucasus) begins.
- 1943 Battle of Koersk, USSR ends in Nazi defeat (6,000 tanks)
- 1944 Soviet Army marches into Lublin Poland 1944 - US forces invade Japanese-held Tinian in WW II
- 1944 US troops occupy Pisa Italy
- 1956 Bell X-2 rocket plane sets world aircraft speed record of 3,050 kph
- 1968 PLO's 1st hijacking of an El Al plane 1973 - US President Richard Nixon refuses to release
- Watergate tapes of conversations in the White House relevant to the Watergate investigation 1978 - Israeli government rejects Sadat's call for
- return of 2 Sinai areas 1980 - Soyuz 37 ferries 2 cosmonauts (1
- Vietnamese) to Salyut 6
- 1986 Moroccan King Hassan II meets with Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres 1994 - Space shuttle STS-65: Columbia 17, lands
- after record 14 days 55 mins 1995 - Comet Hale-Bopp is discovered and
- becomes visible to the naked eve nearly a year later 1997 - The US State Department rules that
 - Turkey's agreement to purchase \$23 billion worth of natural gas from Iran does not violate the Iran and Libya Sanctions Act

From KO Archives

Tunnel Beneath Kohi Sulaiman

Govt exploring feasibility to ease traffic

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR – Jammu and Kashmir government would explore feasibility of constructing a tunnel across the Shankaracharya (Kohi Sulaiman) hill to address the acute traffic congestion on the Boulevard and Dalgate. "We will explore the possibility of constructing a tunnel

in the Shankaracharya hill to connect the Gupakr road with the Boulevard," Chief Minister Mufti Mohammad Sayeed said here this morning at a function organised to name the road from Jehangir Chowk to Batmalu as Mohammad Yusuf Rathar Avenue. He unveiled a black marble plaque to announce the new name of the road.

Rathar a brilliant-engineer who headed the R&B depart ment in Kashmir lost his life in a grenade blast in the south Kashmir village of Kapran on July 19, 2004.

The Chief Minister said traffic congestion in the Srinagar City is assuming alarming proportions and movement of vehicles on busy routes has become a real problem. He cited the instance of Dalgate and the Boulevard and said his government, apart from planning a flyover near the J&K Bank Corporate Office, is also contemplating construction of a tunnel in the Shankaracharya hill so that some of the traffic is diverted through it. This would ease the traffic congestion at the busy traffic junction of the city. He said technical and environmental feasibility of the tunnel would be explored

The Chief Minister said he has asked the R&B department to repair on priority the city roads which have been damaged due to heavy snowfall last winter. He said the city is the heart of the valley and its roads should present a beautiful picture. He alluded to the efforts made by his government in the beautification of the city and said the various development measures taken during the last about 3 years would soon transform Srinagar into a city of international reckoning.

Mufti Sayeed paid rich tributes to late Engineer Mohammad Yusuf Rather and said he was an honest, dedicated and upright officer. He said he had excelled himself as an able and efficient officer. He said the rechristening of the Jahangir Batamalu Road after his name is a tribute to this son of the soil. He also remembered other victims of the Kapran blast including Abdur Rashid, Special Assistant to Minister for Power and paid tributes to them

(Kashmir Observer, 23 July, 2005)

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Kashmir Counter Militancy Model

epeated militant attacks in the Jammu region has created a challenging situation for both the state and the union government. On Saturday, Jammu and Kashmir's Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi held two separate joint security review meetings in Jammu to introduce a new counter-terrorism strategy. The strategy aims to address operational flaws, intensify counter-terrorist operations, and track down hiding militants with active support from locals. It will take some before the situation gets better. Although, the local militancy has, to a large extent, been reigned in, the influx of foreigners, especially in Jammu, has thrown the union territory into fresh turmoil.

The rise of militancy in twin districts of Rajouri and Poonch in Jammu division, and which is largely led by foreign militants attests to this fact. More than a decade ago, the twin districts were declared free of militancy by the government. However, since October 2021, the region has witnessed a surge in militant attacks. Although an uneasy calm prevailed in Jammu in 2022, this year the region has once again become a hotspot for militancy. with around ten security personnel being killed in two ambushes. The dense forests of the region have made it difficult for security forces to trace them. The situation has been made even more concerning by the fact that the forest area where the militants are hiding extends to the districts in South Kashmir, which have been a hotbed of militancy in recent years. Kokernag, a scenic spot in the region, recently witnessed a six day long encounter in which a Commanding Officer, Major, DySP and a soldier were killed beside one militant.

In a statement, Lieutenant General Manoj Sinha said that the government is now working on a plan to replicate the counterinsurgency strategy adopted in Kashmir Valley to curb the rising violence in Jammu, a statement he had also made last year. This includes identification and arrest of over-ground supporters of militants, proactive counter-insurgency operations, deployment of police, Army, Central Armed Police Force (CAPF) and night patrolling and area domination, which are believed to have helped check infiltration to a large extent in the Kashmir region.

That said, the militancy may be down but it is not out. And it is likely to linger on as long as the fresh recruitment and the infiltration continue to replenish the depleted militant ranks. And to achieve this, the government needs to also work on a political outreach in addition to a security approach which may not deliver results beyond a point.



Why do people have a negative perception of stock market investments?

Did You Know?

Irshad Mushtaq

Historically, people in Kashmir lost money due to intraday trading instead of investing. Holding quality shares, diversifying portfolios, and proper money management are key to success in the market.

Let me first explain historically, most people did intraday trading instead of investing.

Investment means holding a position for a long period and having patience for fluctuations, which can give good returns. For example, the Nifty index has shown a compounding annual growth of over 17% in the last 20-30 years. However, for investment, one must accept market fluctuations that occurred during that period.

So why do people lose money in intraday trading? The answer is that they focus too much on the screen and trade based on emotions, risking large sums of money. Emotional trading on the same day is a sure way to lose money. Investors can create wealth in the stock market if they practice proper money management, hold quality shares, diversify their portfolios, and have proper asset allocations. It's important to understand these

things to avoid losses and create wealth in the stock market. Stock market investment is passive income, without doing anything wealth creates, well specially means without doing anything subject to hold quality, we need to understand it's also business as you are becoming a shareholder of the company so you have to think like an owner, not just speculate. If we look at the stock prices 20 years ago, they were at quite low amounts like 100 rupees, now they are between 2000 to 12000 so they have increased by 20 times, 30 times, and 50 times, but still, people lost money during that time due to increased investment risks. If someone is a beginner, trading can be detrimental to their financial health.

It is crucial to focus on quality investments when venturing into the stock market. One should recognize the risks associated with intraday trading screens. Although holding non-quality shares can prove to be risky.

Learn from the insights of writer and investor, founder of MI Securities and Business Partner at Sharekhan! Reach out to him at Irshad@bp.sharekhan.com for valuable knowledge on financial matters

An 'Indo-Russian' Eurasia- The **Deepening Of Strategic Cooperation**

Anuraag Khaund

he recent summit between Indian PM Narendra Modi and Russian President Vladimir on July 8-9 was a strong reiteration of the strong and strategic partnership between India and Russia which has survived the test of time since the Cold War era of 1971 (then USSR). This strength was evident in the Joint Statement of the 22nd Indo-Russian Summit which not only described the ties as a 'Privileged' and 'Strategic Partnership' based on 'trust, mutual understanding and strategic convergence' but also in the commitment to deepen partnerships in traditional areas of defence, military technical, space, nuclear, energy and trade and economic cooperation. However, for purposes of the article, noteworthy was the focus on transport & connectivity, Russian Far East and the Arctic as the sites of Indo-Russian cooperation which was identified in a separate Joint Statement as strategic areas of economic cooperation till 2030 by which the bilateral trade volume is aimed to be around 100 billion USD.

The geostrategic and geoeconomic values of the Russian Far East, Arctic and the connectivity projects such as the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC) and the Chennai- Vladivostok Maritime Route have compelled both New Delhi and Moscow to accord it greater priority in the background of the geopolitical flux in Eurasia. A deepened cooperation in the latter spheres would allow a stronger Indo-Russian footprint in Eurasia in the face of increasing Chinese penetration in the region.

Eurasia is a geopolitical and geographical term referring to the combined landmasses of the Europe and Asian continents including its economic, political, and military resources. Eurasianism is the idea going back to 20th century Russia which posits the latter not as a 'periphery of Europe (West)' but as the median power between the West and Asia (East) and its culture being the melting pot of both the Eastern and Western cultures. The idea also stipulates the regions of Eastern Europe, Caucasus and Central Asia as falling within the Russian 'Eurasian' sphere of influence. In today's time, the Eurasian identity has re-emerged in the backdrop of the Russia- Ukraine conflict since 2022. Aiding this shift in focus is Moscow's 'Pivot to Asia' entailing deepened ties with Asian countries such as India and China among oth-

However, Russia's pivot to and its no-limit partnership with China has generated some uneasiness among strategic circles in Moscow. This is in view of Beijing's increasing economic and security penetration into Central Asia - a region regarded as falling under the Russian sphere while Moscow's position in the wider Eurasian region gets gradually reduced to that of a 'junior partner' to China. Also alarming from the Russian perspective is the growing influx of Chinese farmers and immigrants into the Far Eastern territories resulting in a demographic change in an area which has historically been the site of Sino-Russian border clashes and dispute going back to the Qing dynasty era of 1860. These concerns have also spilled over into the Arctic partnership between Moscow and Beijing with the former becoming wary of the latter's ambitions in the resource rich region.

The above sets the stage for India in the Russian strategic calculus as a more reliable partner than China. Moreover, Moscow plays an indispensable role for New Delhi in the latter's ambitions in the three areas of Eurasia, Far East and Arctic.

Given India's increasing focus on Central Asia and the Caucasus, the partnership with Russia a longstanding traditional power in the two regions, is crucial and advantageous for New Delhi's own ambitions. The importance of this partnership is especially evident in the Eurasian forum of the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) where India joined as a full-fledged member in 2017 with Russian backing. Also important for the Indo-Russian Eurasian ambitions are the connectivity initiatives such as the



However, some have also opined the Indian engagement with Russia as beneficial to the West in checking the increasing converge between Moscow and Beijing the rival of the US in the Cold War 2.0. The reverse is also true where New Delhi can act as the bridge between the West and Russia as the latter's 'allweather friend

of the INSTC by the trio of New Delhi, Moscow and Tehran should take priority basis while also exploring other initiatives such as the Persian Black Sea Corridor involving the latter along with Armenia. In addition, the interest exhibited by Singapore in Chabahar should be banked upon to extend the INSTC to Southeast Asia.

At the same time, the decision to open Indian consulates in Kazan and Yekaterinburg two key Russian cities known as the centre of industrial production and international expos would allow Indian companies to showcase their talents and products to visiting Eurasian countries which might pave the way for robust cooperation with the Eurasian Economic Union (EAEU) in addition to the Free Trade Agreement (FTA) being negotiated between the latter and New Delhi. It also helps that the members of the EAEU are also part of the INSTC which can open the pathway for synergizing.

Another vital area for Indo-Russian Eurasian cooperation is the Russian Far East an area rich in hydrocarbons and other resources such as coal and diamonds. Also important for India's maritime ambitions is the port of Vladivostok which is the terminus of the Eastern Maritime Corridor with the other being Chennai. Hence, New Delhi has increased engagement with the region through forums such as the annual Eastern Economic Forum (EEF) while also expanding its role in areas such as shipbuilding, port infrastructure development as well as extending Line of Credit of 1 billion under India's Act Far East Policy announced in 2019. A major asset for India's Far East ambitions is its demographic dividend which could be utilized by Russia to tackle the growing Chinese immigration.

Also crucial for Indo-Russian interests is the Northern Sea Route (NSR) straddling the Arctic Ocean and Russia's Far East all the way to Asia thereby reducing the time and distance between the two continents by 7000 km and less than two weeks. While India has rightly shown interest in exploiting this route, so has New Delhi's rival China. Given the current instability of traditional routes such as the Red Sea as well as Chinese influence over the Houthis, the NSR controlled by Beijing would allow it to choke India's energy supplies from both the sides. Hence, the need to strengthen Indian involvement in the NSR which was identified as a core interest area for the Indo-Russian Inter- Governmental Commission (IRIGC). At the same time, the linkage between the NSR and the Chennai- Vladivostok Route should also be explored which would allow both New Delhi and Moscow to engage with ASEAN countries bypassing China.

Related to the NSR is the Indo-Russian cooperation in the Arctic region a strategic region near the Russian landmass which has seen increasing penetration by China as a 'Near Arctic State'. The Polar Silk Road of the BRI is aimed at allowing Beijing to not only take advantage of the NSR and other potential sea routes of the Arctic as alternative energy shipping lines bypassing the 'Malacca Dilemma', but also the exploration and tapping of the potential hydrocarbon and other resources in the Arctic Shelf. Moreover, the increasing Chinese presence in Arctic states such as Greenland and Iceland is not something which can be ignored by Moscow.

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Hence, it has turned to India for cooperation in areas of mutual interest as shipbuilding, development of the NSR, exploration of resources and scientific research on climate change. Moreover, the presence of India could also offset or put to check the ambitions of China in the region. For India, its Arctic ambitions are best served by partnership with Russia which has the largest Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) in the Arctic. It was this realisation that led to the Arctic along with the Far East featuring together among the strategic areas of cooperation in the Joint Statement. Given the proximity between the two regions, a strong Indo- Russian presence in the Far East would provide the base for more pronounced cooperation in the Arctic and vice-versa. This dynamic would inevitably involve new geopolitical hotspot in Eurasia.

Finally, a deepened partnership with Moscow might even nudge the Kremlin to check its tilt towards China a major factor behind Modi's outreach to Putin. For the West, the Modi-Putin Summit's coincidence with the NATO Summit of 9-11 July in Washington was interpreted as Kremlin's signalling of the latter's failure at isolating Moscow. However, some have also opined the Indian engagement with Russia as beneficial to the West in checking the increasing converge between Moscow and Beijing the rival of the US in the Cold War 2.0. The reverse is also true where New Delhi can act as the bridge between the West and Russia as the latter's 'all-weather friend'. At the same time, both the countries should also be mindful of Chinese attempts at playing spoilsport by misrepresenting the Indo-Russian relationship to the West which would be detrimental for both Moscow and New Delhi. Hence, the PM's visit to Austria, a neutral state, immediately after the Summit was smart step aimed at countering such moves by Beijing's propaganda machine.

Let the spirit of Druhzba- Dosti (friendship in Russian and Hindi respectively) usher in an Indo-Russian led Eurasia.

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INSTC and Chennai- Vladivostok or the Eastern Maritime Corridor.

The INSTC refers to a multimodal transport and trade route involving rail, road and sea links spanning a length of 7200 km which was first envisioned in 2000 between India, Russia and Iran as an alternative route to connect the markets of Europe and Afghanistan and Central Asia bypassing Pakistan. The route again came to the limelight with the Indo- Iranian Agreement in Chabahar of May 2024 and the transportation of Russian Kuzbass coal to India via the INSTC from Kemerovo in Russia via Kazakhstan and Turkmenistan to the Iranian port of Bandar Abbas and Mumbai last month. However, the development of the above route has been challenged by the emergence of alternatives such as the Middle Corridor involving China as well as the latter's alignment with the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). From the

Is Our Reliance on Technology Making Us Vulnerable?

My Firsthand Experience With Mobile Banking App Glitch in a Cashless Situation

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was about to check out. I had purchased my favorite gift for ■ my cousin, Ayesha. She had freshly graduated from Kindergarten and I had promised her a special gift. Then suddenly my heart stopped breathing as my Mobile Banking App succumbed leaving me in complete chaos and confusion. It was such an embarrassing moment. She started crying. Then I had to purchase it on credit just to please this little angel.

In this age of digitization, where smartphones have become extensions of ourselves, everything is now at our fingertips. The advancement in mobile banking has made cashless transactions more convenient. The mobile banking apps have transformed the way we manage our finances, making transactions easy with a single tap on the screen. Who can forget lugging around a bulging wallet full of cards, cash, and whatnot?

However, these technological conveniences come with potentially equal embarrass-ment. Many of you can relate to me, when you run out of cash or forget your cash wallet at your home, and you feel awkward when even all those fine mobile banking apps stop responding. A moment of cringe-worthy awkwardness ensues.

Picture this: you are at the checkout counter of a shop, cashless but have your smartphone with you which is loaded with a sophisticated mobile banking app. You are about to check out your favorite "shopping" and suddenly your mobile banking app refuses to co-operate. And you pretend to search through pockets, and keep tapping on the



screen to no avail and you are counting down a minute before the next one. You are left stranded, the curious shoppers and the cashier look at you with sympathy and impatience.

This digital awkwardness does not stop here. Imagine you are traveling on a public transport and all of a sudden you realize you have left your cash wallet at home and your banking app is also napping. I can feel this embarrassment as I have met with this situation many times.

I recently visited my sister's house. And I wanted to give some money to my niece and

nephew. But my mobile banking app stopped responding and, unfortunately, I was also out of cash. The moment then turned awkwardly embarrassing, Only I know.

There are numerous other such instances we encounter day-in and day-out. Thus, as we tackle these digital problems, it is necessary to exercise caution and use technology responsibly. So, what can be done to avoid these cringe-worthy awkward situations and stop them from becoming recurring nightmares? **Some Solutions**

Here are a few examples of

such situations and potential solutions:

1. EMERGENCY CASH STASH:

Always keep a small amount of cash in your wallet to deal with those unexpected moments when the digital modes of payment go down. This will provide you with confidence to handle situations with a peace of mind, knowing you won't get overwhelmed and respond in embarrassing ways.

2. DUAL PAYMENT METHODS:

It is prudent, in my opinion, to make use of both traditional cash

and digital mobile banking for a seamless transaction experience. Having a backup payment method is crucial and can be a lifesaver when confronted with unexpected technological hiccups.

3. INCREASED DIGITAL LITERACY:

Take time to understand how the mobile banking app works. Having a profound knowledge about functionalities like the offline mode or other vital payment options may prevent you from the annoying predicament that occurs when you run out of money or digital napping.

4. COMMUNICATION IS KEY:

Before going into any social settings, let others know that you are a person who relies on digital transactions. This kind of communication is crucial to manage expectations and minimize embarrassment arising due

to technological back-logging.
While we are having fun balancing the advantages of digitization and its possible dangers, let these embarrassing situations be dealt with caution and grace. In this age of cashless payments, let's not forget to keep a few cash bills in our wallets.

In these rare moments of technology malfunction where somebody may be exposed, a dash of humor can be the best possible response. You know what, the best way to deal with life's weirdness is by smiling. So, the next time your mobile banking app goes down without notice, let it go and take a deep breath. It might even be fun to smile at an unfortunate incident with your loved ones nearby.

As we continue to evolve with modern technological advancements, let's not forget that technology is just a "tool" though a powerful one, but a tool nonetheless. By approaching and adopting it with caution, responsibility and a dash of preparedness, we can transform these awkward moments into stories of strength, reminding us that even in the digital age, a touch of humanity can turn a glitch into a

Tail Piece

The AI technology glitch was in witness today on account of an outage at the Microsoft headquarters that has adversely impacted industries, banking, healthcare, flight/train schedules around the world, which is staring at a doomsday scenario.

A single update pushed out from an anti-virus company in the US has managed to cause global havoc today. It's being described as the biggest outage ever.

This Microsoft outage has taken out almost all the major and important services and companies across the world.

Notwithstanding how life has been positively impacted by technology in almost all spheres of human activity in recent decades, it's tom foolish to lose sight of the unforeseen glitches in the AI-inspired technology that keep cropping up once every while, with the potential to spell doom everywhere around us at a time of its own choosing. The world has never been more vulnerable to such IT and AIrelated threats as it's poised to contend with right now.

A foolproof security system needs to be conceived and put into place to prevent such contretemps from occurring in future.

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Off With Female Genital Mutilation!

Gambia Bans **FGM**

In a welcome move, MPs in Gambia, recently voted to retain a law outlawing female genital mutilation (FGM), sparking joy and relief among campaigners. The move also reinforces this un-Islamic origin of this practice in Africa and elsewhere

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ast week, thirty-four out of 53 Gambian lawmakers vot-✓ed to maintain the FGM ban. which was introduced in 2015, aid workers told the Guardian. The remainder voted to repeal it.

There was certainly an air of jubilation amongst the anti-FGM activists and workers of the world bodies, like the WHO, UNICEF, UN Women who have continuously waged an advocacy campaign against this barbaricpractice.

Jaha Dukureh, an FGM survivor and founder of Safe Hands for Girls, said: "Today we stood on the right side of history one more time. We have shown that even if they burn down this country, we will rebuild to protect our women and girls. Today, we won for Gambia."

According to the UN, Gambia has the ninth-highest rate of FGM in the world. Almost threequarters of Gambian women between 15 and 49 have undergone FGM, which involves the partial or total removal of the external female genitalia. Nearly two-thirds of them were cut before the age of five.

The bill was tabled in March by Almameh Gibba, who said he did so to "uphold religious loyalty and safeguard cultural norms and values" in the Muslim-majority state. It was initially approved by a majority of MPs, which forced human rights campaigners to intensify lobbying against the move.

The law's repeal was backed by Muslim clerics, who hold much sway in the Gambia, a conservative country of 2.7 million people.

The vote was taken following the bill's second reading after being referred to a parliamentary

committee for consultation. A third and final reading had been tabled for next week.

Fabakary Tombong Jatta, the speaker of parliament, said: "(We) cannot be engaged in such a futile exercise as to allow the bill to proceed to a third reading. The bill is rejected and the legislative process exhausted."

Judy Gitau, coordinator for Equality Now's Africa office, applauded last Monday's vote for setting a precedent. She said: "Repealing the FGM law was going to set a new low in the pushback against women's rights."

While welcoming the move to uphold the law, human rights campaigners warned that more needed to be done to improve the lives of women and girls in the WestAfrican country.

Binta Ceesay, women's rights manager at ActionAidGambia, said: "Since FGM was banned nearly a decade ago, we have made encouraging strides in ending the practice, but it has not been enough."

The World Health Organisation estimates that about 230 million women and girls have undergone this traditional procedure, in which not only the clitoris but often also the inner and outer labia are cut away by a knife or razor, usually without anaesthetics, antiseptics or antibiotics. Infections, some of them fatal, are commonplace.

Most girls are "circumcised" in this way in Egypt, Sudan and the Horn of Africa, in the Muslim countries of West Africa, and in Indonesia, usually under the age of five. It is less common in the eastern Arab countries (eg, Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Yemen), and rare in Iran, Turkey and Pakistan, but the victims are overwhelmingly Muslims. So are the perpetrators.

This poses a real problem for



the anti-FGM campaigners, because most of the people who do this to their girl children are convinced that it is an Islamic practice, or even a religious obligation. It particularly appeals to men who are obsessed about female "chastity".

These attitudes are common even in the farthest reaches of the Islamic world, like the Muslim-minority parts of Russia. When a 2016 report revealed the practice is widespread in the mountain villages of Karachayevo-Cherkessia.

Samira Daoud, Amnesty International Regional Director for West and Central Africa, said: "We welcome with great relief the rejection of the bill aimed at reversing the ban on FGM in Gambia. In 2015, the adoption of the Women's (Amendment)

Act, which criminalises and sets out punishments for performing, aiding and abetting the practice of FGM, represented a significant milestone in the country's efforts to safeguard girls' and women's rights. It was essential that this progress be protected."

In a joint statement UNICEF Executive Director, Catherine Russell, UNFPA Executive Director, Natalia Kanem, WHO Director-General, Dr Tedros AdhanomGhebreyesus, UN Women Executive Director, SimaBahous, and UN High Commissioner for Human Rights, Volker Türk said: "The decision to maintain the FGM ban aligns with The Gambia's international and regional commitments to prevent harmful practices against girls and women, consistent with the Convention on the Rights of the

Child (CRC), the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW), the African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child, and the Maputo Protocol protecting African women's

Islam and FGM

There is no mention of female circumcision in the Holy Qur'an, and only five hadiths (reports of what Prophet Mohammed actually said) refer to it. None of them states that it is a religious duty, and there is no evidence that the Prophet(PBUH) had any of his

wives or daughters circumcised. Why do the hadiths mention it at all? "It is as if Islam deemed it necessary to regulate this practice which was already performed by the Arabs prior to

the advent of Islam," suggests Egyptian Islamist scholar Dr Mohamed Selim Al-Awa, founding General Secretary of the International Union of Islamic Scholars.

Senior Muslim religious authorities agree that FGM is neither required nor prohibited by Islam. The Qur'an does not mention FGM or male circumcision. FGM is praised in a few hadiths as noble but not required, and moreover the authenticity of these hadith has been questioned.

Several Muslim leaders have called for an end to the practice. In 2004, after CNN broadcasted images of a girl in Cairo undergoing FGM, the then Grand Mufti of Egypt Muhammad Sayyid Tantawi declared that hadiths on FGM as unreliable. A conference at Al-Azhar University in Cairo in 2006 saw prominent Muslim clergy declare it unnecessary. Sheikh Ali Gomaa, the then Grand Mufti of Egypt, stated: "It's prohibited, prohibited." Ekmeleddin Ihsanoğlu, Secretary-General of the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation said in 2012 that FGM was "a ritual that has survived over centuries and must be stopped as Islam does not support it." Indeed, it would be much pref-

erable if internationalIslamic organisation like the OIC join hands with world bodies like the UNICEF, UN Women etc. to put a complete ban on this inhuman practice in today's modern world.

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Economic Survey Projects India's GDP Growth At 6.5-7 Pc In FY25

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NEW DELHI: The Economic Survey 2023-24, which was tabled in Parliament on Monday, projected India's GDP to grow at 6.5-7 per cent in 2024-25, down from a high of 8.2 per cent in the the preceding financial year, while cautioning that escalation of geopolitical conflicts may have bearing on growth prospects.

Minister Nirmala Finance Sitharaman, who tabled the Economic Survey, will present the Union Budget in the Lok Sabha on Tuesday morning.

The projection in the Economic Survey is a tad lower than the

Reserve Bank's growth estimates of 7.2 per cent. However, major global agencies, including the IMF and ADB, have projected the growth at 7 per cent.

The key economic document also suggested that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) should stop looking at food inflation in deciding interest rates and the government should explore giving coupons or direct cash transfer to poor to deal with higher food

"...the Survey conservatively projects a real GDP growth of 6.5-7 per cent, with risks evenly balanced, cognizant of the fact that the market expectations are on the higher side," the



pre-Budget document said.

A normal rainfall forecast by the India Meteorological Department and the satisfactory spread of the southwest monsoon thus far are likely to improve agriculture sector performance and support the re-

vival of rural demand. However, the monsoon season still has some way to go, the document said, adding that structural reforms such as the GST and the IBC have also matured and are delivering envisaged

results. The Survey, authored by a team led by Chief Economic Advisor V Anantha Nageswaran, said domestic growth drivers have supported economic growth in FY24 despite uncertain global economic performance.

Improved balance sheets will help the private sector cater to strong investment demand.

"A note of caution is warranted here. Private capital formation after good growth in the last three years may turn slightly more cautious because of fears of cheaper imports from countries that have excess capacity,' it said

On the downside, the Survey said any escalation of geopolitical conflicts in 2024 may lead to supply dislocations, higher commodity prices, reviving inflationary pressures and stalling monetary policy easing with potential repercussions for capital flows. This can also influence the RBI's monetary policy stance.

The pre-Budget document said also said the outlook for India's financial sector appears bright, but there is a need to keep a tight vigil on vulnerabilities as India can ill-afford the over-financialisation of the economy at this stage.

The Indian financial sector is at a "turnpike moment", it said, adding that the dominance of banking support to credit is being reduced, and the role of capi-

tal markets is rising. Further, it said a higher level of private sector financing and resource mobilisation from new sources will be crucial for India to build quality infrastructure.

Nageswaran, in the preface to the Economic Survey, also called for a pan-India dialogue on the agriculture sector, highlighting the need for policy re-orientation despite existing subsidies and support measures.

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Jhelum Water

In Jammu division, the maximum temperature settled above the normal by some degrees. In Jammu, the mercury settled at 35.5 degree Celsius while in Banihal the mercury settled at 31.4 degree Celsius.

In Batote, Katra and Bhaderwah, the mercury settled at 28.8 degree Celsius, 32.2 degree Celsius and 32.6 degree Celsius respectively.

However, the weatherman here has predicted partly cloudy weather conditions from tomorrow till July 26, saying that brief spells of rain, thundershower is expected at isolated to scattered places of Kashmir and scattered to fairly widespread places of Iammu.

Director Meteorological department (MeT), Dr Mukhtar Ahmad said that partly to generally cloudy weather with intermittent spells of light to moderate rains are expected from July 27 and July 28, adding that there is a possibility of spell of rain and thundershower is expected at isolated to scattered places from July 29 to July 31.

In its advisory, the MeT has stated that intense showers for a brief period with possibility of landslides, mudslides and shooting stones over few vulnerable places of Jammu is expected while hot and humid weather will prevail till July 26.

Meanwhile, with the persistent dry spell in Kashmir, the Chief Engineer Irrigation and Flood Control (I&FC) division, Braham Jyoti Sharma said that the water level in river Jhelum has reduced by 30 per cent due to the ongoing dry spell.

He stated that almost 10 per cent of the lift irrigation schemes have become nonfunctional due to the prevailing situation, adding that there was no need to panic as the situation can be controlled even if the situation deteriorates further.

"The situation is not alarming at present and the regular meetings are being conducted to take stock of the prevailing situation," he said, adding that the situation is under control.

Pertinently, the water supply amidst the ongoing dry spell has affected 20 percent of the water supply in Kashmir with the officials concerning appealing people to use

20% Of Water

"Due to the prolonged dry spell, the demand in the water supply has increased, thereby affecting the supply at present," he said.

Er. Kohli said the impact of the dry spell is more in plain areas, where a much decline in water supply is being witnessed.

"Discharge at some isolated springs across the valley has considerably reduced, which has exacerbated the water scarcity issue,' Kohli said, adding that there is no such major problem in Srinagar areas other than few tail end areas of the City.

The Chief Engineer said an emergency water supply plan has already been initiated for areas facing water scarcity.

"For water supply, we have a contingency plan, as water production depends on the availability of water in bodies like rivers and springs. However, we have moblisied all water tankers and wherever the water supply is needed, the supply will be made available," he

He added that the officers in the PHE Department have also been empowered to hire private water tankers, in case the existing water tanker fleet is not meeting the requirements.

The move is aimed to mitigate the water crisis in the areas facing water scarcity. We have already issued the toll free numbers in case people will be facing any issue, they can

call us," he added. CE Ial Shakti PHE Kashmir urged people to use water judiciously and not to use the tap water for watering the lawns, kitchen gardens

or for washing the vehicles. Meanwhile, the meteorological department here has predicted dry weather until July 26, stating that no significant weather change is

expected till the end of this month. The valley is currently experiencing hot and humid weather conditions with no sign of respite for the people living in the valley. (KNO)

All Political Parties

parties for "trying to scuttle his voice" in Parliament in the last session, and said such a tactic has no place in democracy.

Modi said his government is moving forward to implement on the ground the guarantees he has given to the people.

"This is the Budget session. The guarantees that I have been giving, we are moving forward to implement those guarantees on the ground," he said.

This Budget is an important Budget of the Amrit Kaal. The opportunity of five years that we have, this budget will decide the direction of that journey as well as lay the foundation for fulfilling the dream of Viksit Bharat in 2047," Modi said.

He also said the Budget session is an important destination in our democracy's

A government has come back to power for the third term after 60 years, he said.

Economic Survey

Economic Survey 2023-24, along with the statistical appendix in the Lok Sabha.

The Economic Survey is an annual document presented by the government ahead of the Union Budget to review the state of the economy. The document also provides an overview of the short-to-medium-term prospects of the economy

In a post on X, Modi said, "The Economic Survey highlights the prevailing strengths of our economy and also showcases the outcomes of the various reforms our Government has brought."

"It also identifies areas for further growth and progress as we move towards building a Viksit Bharat," the prime minister said.

J&K's Budget

After the collapse of the PDP-BJP government, the budget for 2019-20 was approved by then J&K Governor as head of the State Administrative Council. After downgrading of J&K into a UT in August 2019, its budgets were presented in the Parliament. (KNO)

PM To Attend

Lieutenant Governor of Ladakh, Brigadier BD Mishra held a meeting at the secretariat to discuss the arrangements for PM Modi's visit to the Kargil War Memorial on July 26.

LG Calls For

He directed officials to organise Swachhta Pakhwada from August 1 to 14. He also directed the stakeholder departments to launch a 15-day campaign 'Ek Ped Shaheedo Ke Naam' at prominent public places and memorials.

"This campaign, paying respect to martyrs by planting trees, should become a mass movement, all over Jammu and Kashmir. Every individual, family, eminent personalities from various walks of life must come together to make the campaign a success," the LG said.

The meeting was attended by Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to LG; Atal Dulloo, Chief Secretary; RR Swain, DGP; Dheeraj Gupta, Additional Chief Secretary, Forest, Ecology and Environment Department; Chandraker Bharti, Principal Secretary Department: Administrative Secretaries; Divisional Commissioners: Deputy Commissioners, SSPs, HODs and senior officials of Security forces, Civil and Police Administration, in person and through virtual mode.

Pilgrim Count

The officials said 7,760 male pilgrims, 2,772 female pilgrims, 175 Sadhus and one Sadhvi were among those who paid obeisance at the

Over 1,600 security forces and 174 children also performed the pilgrimage.

As per the officials, there have been two deaths -- a sevadar from Haryana and a pilgrim from Jharkhand -- in this year's yatra. Both the deceased suffered cardiac arrest along the Baltal route in June.

The 52-day pilgrimage will conclude on August 19. More than 4.5 lakh pilgrims paid obeisance at the cave shrine last year.

Fresh Terror

"Operations are continuing," it added. It further said that the Indian Army acted on intelligence, anticipating the threat to a VDG in a remote area in Rajouri-Reasi.

'Tactical teams swiftly intervened, ensuring no harm to the VDC member and his family", it said.

The operations are continuing and the firefight is in progress, the Corps said. According to officials, the terrorists fired

on the house of the VDG and ex-serviceman Parshottam Kumar, who is also a Shourya Chakra awardee, in Gundha area of Khawas The security personnel retaliated after

the terrorists threw a grenade, following which they attacked a newly established Army picket in the area around 4 am, resulting in fire exchange, they said.

The troops foiled the attack on the Army

post and a cordon and search operation was launched by security forces in the area, resulting in another round of gunfight, they

"A major terror attack on and Army picket in a remote village of Rajouri was thwarted. Firing is underway and operation is in progress," an Army spokesperson said.

The attack has triggered fear in the area due to the threat of the presence of the terrorists in the region.

"We are terrorised over this attack, which took place in the area after several years. It was a peaceful area. Firing started around 3 am and kept continuing," a local woman said.

Another villager said that it is time to rearm VDGs with modern weapon and communication technology to take on the terrorists operating in the hills of Jammu.

Today's terror attack is the 14th incident in Jammu region in which 10 security personnel including two officers, 9 pilgrims lost their lives and 58 others were injured. Five terrorists were neutralised during the

JKP Issues

The police said in a statement the clip was released around 2 PM.

"Under no circumstances should this video be forwarded. It should be remembered that possessing and forwarding content of this nature is an offence under sections 13 and 18 of the UAPA," J&K Police said on X.

The police asked people and officials to ensure the video is not forwarded to anyone in any manner.

"Second, they should report via a message from whom they received this propaganda video, including the telephone number and the date and time of receipt of the video," the police said.

It said police personnel are required to report it to their supervisory officers, and civil officers should equally report it to their supervisory officers via a text message.

Terrorist outfits and the Pakistan army have waged psychological information warfare against the country by flooding social media with fake videos f against security forces in J&K, the police

Will Not Allow

Grand Mufti of Kashmir Mufti Nasir Maulana Masroor ul-Islam Farooqi, Abbas Ansari, Dr Abdul Latif al-Kindi, Maulana Ghulam Rasool Hami, Agha Syed Mohammad Hadi al-Moosyi, and Maulana Shaukat Hussain Keng and M S Rehman Shams.

Speaking on the occasion Mirwaiz Farooq said: "Our primary focus is on maintaining unity and traditional sectarian harmony. We will strive to represent every sect and uphold a unified stance," he said.

"We cannot tolerate any actions or statements that lead to discord within our community," Mirwaiz said. "We have resolved that no future divisive statements will be permitted. Should any such statements emerge, we will collectively take action and make sure the perpetrators are held accountable."

The MMU has also called for upholding the importance of Islamic principles in promoting unity among different sects.

"All sects, whether Shia, Sunni, Ahle-Hadees or Barelvi must stand united on the foundation of Islamic principles," Mirwaiz

Umar said Meanwhile, the MMU in a press release issued after the meeting expressed its "firm resolve to disallow any attempts to spread sectarian discord in Kashmir and harm to

the region's traditional sectarian harmony". The Majlis has appealed to scholars, masjid imams and those active on social media, belonging to various schools of thought and sects that while each is free to follow its practices they should refrain from targeting the beliefs of other sects in third lectures sermons, addresses or discussions on social media or any other platform, thereby causing conflict.

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The meeting emphasised that the issues and challenges faced by the Muslim community at various levels can only be overcome by uniting under the banner of Tawheed (monotheism). It condemned recent efforts by certain groups to incite sectarian discord, calling these actions regretful and reprehensible.

The scholars present at the meeting vowed, "The religious personalities of Islam should be respected by all and since all Muslims share the common religion and its goals, it is detrimental to the entire Ummah when minor differences are made into contentious matters by some to advance narrow sectarian objectives at the expense of the broader interests of the Muslim community in Kashmir.'

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of vulnerable individuals.

arrested both the accused persons and were shifted to Police Station Baramulla, besides, recovered three minor victim girls of Rohingya,

Burma, police said. Pertinent to mention here that two accused persons from Baramulla were arrested and 4 minor girls were rescued during the initial investigation of the case, police said, adding that this operation demonstrates the commitment of the J&K Police to combating human trafficking and ensuring the safety and dignity



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World Brain Day **Doctors Share Ways To Boost Cognitive Health**

Agencies

Srinagar: Mental stimulation, regular physical exercise, stress management and nutrition-rich diets are some of the main ways through which a person may keep their brain young, doctors say.

Doctors said that research has found that stimulating new connections between nerve cells may help the brain generate new cells, developing neurological "plasticity" and building up a functional reserve that provides a hedge against future cell loss.

They said that regular exercise increases the number of tiny blood vessels that bring oxygen-rich blood to the brain region responsible for thought. "Engaging in regular physical activity can improve cognitive function and reduce the risk of cognitive decline. Exercise increases blood flow to the brain and promotes the growth of new brain cells," they said.

Dr Showkat, a cardiologist, said that exercise lowers blood pressure, improves cholesterol levels. helps balance blood sugar, and reduces mental stress, all of which benefit both brain and heart health. He advised improving blood pressure, blood sugar, and cholesterol levels, considering low-dose aspirin, avoiding tobacco and other drugs, caring for emotions and ensuring restful sleep to maintain good mental and physical health.

"Adequate sleep crucial for brain health as poor sleep can impair cognitive function and increase the risk of developing neurodegenerative diseases. Aim for 7-9 hours of quality sleep per night," he added.

Dr Firdous, a neurologist, said that chronic stress can negatively impact the brain. He recommended practising stressreducing techniques such as mindfulness meditation and deep breathing exercises to maintain cognitive health. "Routine health check-ups can help detect and manage conditions like hypertension, diabetes and high cholesterol which can affect brain health. Managing these conditions can reduce the risk of cognitive decline," he said.

He added, "Maintaining strong social connections and engaging in social activities can protect against memory loss and cognitive decline. Interacting with friends and family, participating in group activities, and volunteering can provide the necessary mental stimulation and emotional support."

According to doctors, maintaining a balanced lifestyle that includes physical activity, healthy eating, mental stimulation, social engagement, quality sleep and stress management is key to promoting long-term brain health—(KNO)

Amid Tourism Ministry's Push, Kashmir Emerges As Prime Wedding Destination

Agencies

Srinagar Kashmir is rapidly emerging as a top destination for weddings, thanks to the concerted promotional efforts by the central government.

Travel agents in the region have reported a significant uptick in inquiries related to destination weddings, highlighting Kashmir's growing appeal as a picturesque and unique venue for such events.

Earlier this year, Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed his desire to promote destination weddings within India during a rally in Srinagar. He encouraged people to choose Indian locations like Jammu and Kashmir for their weddings instead of spending money abroad.

Kashmir's tourism department also joined the 'India Says I Do Wedding' campaign to promote Kashmir as a marriage destination akin to Jodhpur and other parts of the country.

The government's promotional initiatives have played a crucial role in showcasing the region's potential, positioning Kashmir as a prime spot for couples looking to tie the knot in a picturesque and culturally rich environment

Following the union gov-



ernment's blitzkrieg, local travel agents have noted a surge in bookings and inquiries, reflecting the rising trend of destination weddings in Kashmir.

We receive numerous inquiries about destination weddings in Kashmir. Destination weddings, which have been popular in places like Jaipur, Goa, and Kerala are now becoming a trend in the valley as well. There's no better place than Kashmir for a destination wedding, given its stunning beauty,

rich culture, delicious cuisine, and favourable weather," Umer Ahmad Bhat, a travel agent, said.

From the pre-wedding function to the bride's farewell, the hoteliers and travel agents plan each and every event as per the local traditions.

"Last time when we held destination wedding function, we served local cuisines including wazwan and kehwa. We manage each and every function as per the expectation of our clientele," Malik said.

Wedding planners and travel agencies have also capitalized on this trend, offering comprehensive packages that take care of all the logistics, leaving couples free to savor every moment of their special day.

"Queries related to prewedding and destination weddings have increased for Kashmir. We have framed different packages and offer them to the newlyweds to make their wedding memorable," said Anju Mehta, a wedding planner—(KNO)

Authorities Prohibit Tourists From Approaching Kishanganga River

Agencies

Srinagar: Authorities issued new orders on Monday prohibiting tourists from approaching the Tetwal Crossing point and Kishanganga River in the wake of the significant water flow in the river.

The orders were issued by Sub District Magistrate (SDM) Karnah, who emphasized the strict advisory for both locals and tourists to maintain a safe distance from the river at all times.

SD Karnah Zaffar Ahmad Lone said that the measure is crucial for protecting lives, given the high water pressure in the Kishanganga River. "There is immense pressure in the river, and despite the fact that this is a prohibited area, some young individuals, ranging from 15 to 20 years old, risk their lives by attempting to take selfies near the river. This area is a Line of Control, with military presence on both sides. We welcome tourists as they are our guests, but their safety is our priority. We have witnessed reckless behavior, such as jumping into the river for selfies, fishing in the river which is strictly forbidden. What if anyone slips into the gushing waters. All this will be troublesome and that is the reason that I have directed the police personnel stationed there not to allow anyone to go near the river. This directive will remain in vogue till the water levels in KishanGanga recede," said the SDM—(KNO)

Gastroenteritis Outbreak

3 Fresh Cases Reported In Anantnag

Agencies

Srinagar: Fresh cases of gastroenteritis have been reported in Trail Srigufwara in Sallar medical block of South Kashmir's Anantnag district on Monday, officials said.

Block Medical Officer (BMO) Sallar, Dr Zahoor Ahmad Sofi said that three fresh cases have been reported today from the village.

Earlier, over 100 people were hospitalized after developing gastroenteritis issues, creating panic in the hamlet.

However, the BMO Sallar said that the situation is very much under control, adding that they are working on chlorination of water. "Besides door to door survey has been start-

ed," he said. Officials had on Saturday claimed a large population including elderly people in Trail village of Srigufwara suffered loose motions and vomiting, following which the health teams reached the area and all the affected people were hospitalized.

Srinagar: Union Minister

for Geology and Mining Kis-

han Reddy today said that

the government of India

is collaborating with J&K

Agencies

He said that most of the affected people were discharged after a short stay while others are recovering.

Locals have accused the Jal Shakti for the prevailing situation and demanded investigation in this regard.

Nonetheless, the Jal Shakti department has maintained that water from the same source and scheme is being supplied to around 10 villages, but gastroenteritis cases have been reported from only one village.

Officials said that as a precautionary measure, the water samples have been taken to ascertain the cause behind gastroenteritis outbreak.

M Y Zagoo, Chief Medical Officer (CMO) Anantnag told KNO that the situation is under control while the severity of the disease has gone down and all necessary measures are being taken in this regard.

He urged people to drink boiled water and proper emphasis must be given towards hygiene—(KNO)

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Project Officer, Larkipora HQ DOORU

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

Re-Advertisement Notice: No. 01 of 2024 Dated: 20.07.2024

Subject: Advertisement for Recruitment of Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) in Anganwadi Centres of Poshan Project Larkipora HQ Dooru.

Reference: 1. Government order No 222-JK(SWD) of 2022 Dated:30.11.2022 2.Government Order No.103-JK(SWD) of 2023 dated: 28.04.2023

3.Communication from Social Welfare Department Civil Secteriat J&k Vide No:SWD-ICDS/43/2022 Dated:14-08-2023.

Approval has been accorded, vide letter No: SMD/ICDS/Recuritment/2022-23/6235-38 of 2023 Dated: 21.02.2024 for filling up of various vacancies of Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) in Anganwadi Centres of Poshan Project Larkipora, as per the details given be-

Sr. No.	Name of Project	Name of Post	No. of Post
1.	Poshan Larkipora	Sahayikas (Angan-	17
		wadi Helpers)	
Total	17	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	

Applications are invited in the Prescribed Performa in Annexure "A" from the eligible candidates for engagement as Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helper) on Honorarium basis for aforementioned posts of Anganwadi Centres. The important dates/details with regard to the posts are as under:

Date of commencement for submission of application 26-07-2024 Last date for submission of applications is 05.08.2024

b) c) Annexure B- Name of the Post, Location/Ward, Qualification and Criteria for selection

ANNEXURE 'A'

Annexure C- Affidavit

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	Format of Application
1.	Name of POSHAN Project
2.	Name of Anganwadi Centre
3.	Post applied for
4.	Name of the Candidate
5.	Father's Name
6.	Husband's Name
7.	Residence
8.	Ward .No
9.	Address for correspondence
10.	Contact No
11.	Date of Birth
12.	Age as on 01.01.2024
13.	Academic Qualification:

Sr.No.	Examination passed	Board/University	Year of Passing	Marks Obtained	Total Marks	Percentage

Do the candidate belong to Retiring Sanginis (Anganwadi Workers)/Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helper) (YES/NO) **Document Attached:**

Signature of the candidate_

ANNEXURE 'B'

Detail of Vacant Posts Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helper) along with name and location of Anganwadi Centre.

S.no	Name of Pan-	Name of	Ward NO	Name of Post
	chayat Halqa	Anganwadi Centre		
1	Qammar A	Qammar A Drabihal		Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helper)
2	Nowgam B	Nowgam B Rather	Panch Ward 2	Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helper)
		Mohalla		
3	Hengipora	Saskhudan A	Panch Ward 4	Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helper)
<u>4</u> 5	Mehmoodabad B	Tethan Gujar pora		Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helper)
5	Shangran (Now-	Shangran A Mughal	Panch Ward 7	Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helper)
	pora B)	Mohalla		
6	Badasgam	Badasgam G Fate-	Panch Ward 7	Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helper)
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7	A.K. PORA	Ak pora A Maqdam-	Panch Ward 5	Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helper)
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8	Poolia	Poolia Herpora	Panch Ward 7	Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helper)
9	MC Ward 10	Chambran	MC Ward 10	Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helper)
10	Batagund B	Zamalgam C Gujar-	Panch Ward 8	Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helper)
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11	Fethapora B	Kuchpora B Mochi Mohalla	Panch Ward 2	Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helper)
12	Pethbugh	Pethbugh C Parrey Moh	Panch Ward 1	Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helper)
13	Fethapora A	Fethapora A Malik- pora	Panch Ward 6	Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helper)
14	Fethapora A	Fathepora E Herpora	Panch Ward 5	Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helper)
14 15	MC Ward 7	Shiekhpora Mirmaid- ian		Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helper)
16	MC Ward 5	Khudhamam B Dhobi Mohalla	MC Ward 5	Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helper)
17	Omoh B	Gutligund A Herpora	Panch Ward 5	Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helper)

Eligibility:

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Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers):

The selection of Helper shall be restricted to the electoral ward where Anganwadi Centre (AWC) is located.

Women candidates in the age group of 18-37 years shall be eligible.

The candidate must be domicile of the UT of J&K.

Minimum qualification for Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helper) shall be matriculation.

fication not less than 8th standard shall be considered. The selection shall be made on the basis of Merit in 10th among Married Candidates in light of Communication No:SWD-ICDS/43/2022, Dated 14-08-2023

In case no matriculate candidate is available in the ward, candidates with quali-

In case no married candidate is available, unmarried candidate may be consid-

ered. E.

. Document Verification

The candidate who is shortlisted for Document verification will be required to appear for Document Verification along-with the original documents as well as selfattested Photostat copy of each document as per the Advertisement Notification. The candidate must be in possession of the prescribed academic qualification and other document like Domicile Certificate, on or before the last date of submission of application

Marks sheet(s)/Diploma/Degree of the qualification prescribed for the post as per Advertisement Notification.

Date of Birth/Matriculate Certificate. b)

Domicile Certificate.

Unmarried Certificate (where required)

Candidates have to bring two passport size recent colour photographs and one 2) original Photo ID proof.

Photo ID Proof can be: Aadhaar Card. Voter ID card.

The candidates who are supposed to furnish various certificates issued by or before the prescribed cut-off date, shall be required to produce them at the time of Document Verification or as may be sought by the Committee; in case of failure, the committee shall take necessary decision which shall be final.

List of documents to be Submitted with Application Form.

1.10th Marks card/DOB Certificate.

2.Voter List/Ward Certificate. 3.Domicile Certificate.

4.Adhaar card/Voter ID

5.Affidavit of fulfilling all formulaties of HR Policy vide Government order No 222-JK(SWD) of 2022 Dated:30.11.2022

ANNEXURE C

All applicants to submit affidavit stating following facts:

All Documents submitted are correct, without any mismatch, scanning, duplicate or fallacious in nature. If found incorrect or in any of the above stated situation the candidature of deponent may be cancelled and liable to action under law.

Maximum qualification is Graduation for vacancy of Sanginis (Anganwadi workers) and Class X for Sahayikas (Aganwadi Helpers) and this is as per facts and onus of proving it to be true lies with the deponent.

The deponent has read the HR policy no. 222-JK(SWD) of 2022 dated: 30.11.2022 and is well versed with all salient features of the policy and shall be applicable to the deponent in case of selection as Sanginis (Anganwadi worker)/ Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helper).

No.:-CDPO/POSHAN/LP/2024-25/286-96 DIPK-3362/24 Date: 22.07.2024

Child Development Project Officer Poshan Larkipora HQ Dooru

State Government to explore and produce Lithium deposits identified in Reasi district of Union Territory. of India (GSI) discovered Responding to a query 5.9 million tonnes of lithiraised by Shiv Sena MP um in the Salal-Haimana from Mumbai South Lok area of the Reasi district in Sabha Constituency in Ma-Jammu and Kashmir. This harashtra, the Union Minwas India's first discovery ister informed the Rajya of lithium, a critical raw Sabha, that Geology and material used in electric Mining department is col-

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Lithium in J&K: Reddy

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plore the lithium deposit identified in J&K. Earlier, in February

laborating with J&K State

Government to further ex-



vehicle batteries, solar

panels, and mobile phones.

Officials say the lithium

reserve in Reasi is of high

quality—(KNO)

Short TAKES

Conduct Of T20 WC

York, Florida and Dallas,

Eye T20 Asia Cup Semis

ICC Forms Committee To Review

by the USA and the West Indies last month.

The committee features former New Zealand

of USD 20 million for conducting matches in New

batter Roger Twose and two other directors Lawson

Naidoo and Imran Khwaja, who is the deputy chair of

It is understood that ICC incurred losses in excess

Dominant India Women face Nepal,

D uoyant India will look to extend their winning run

Dand seal a semifinal berth when they face Nepal

The International Cricket Council on Monday formed a three-member committee to "review the delivery" of the T20 World Cup which was co-hosted

No Proposal For Offshore T20I Series Against India, Says PCB

Press Trust of India

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) on Monday made it clear that it has made no proposal to play an offshore T20I series against India, and its current focus is on the smooth conduct of the Champions Trophy.

There have been talks about PCB Chairman Mohsin Naqvi holding discussions with the BCCI officials on the possibility of a T20I series at an offshore venue, likely in either England

"There is no such proposal the table or under consid-Champions Ti efitting manner and dso have a packed internaschedule," a highly relible source said. The source said the PCB's

two main targets at the ICC



tion of contemplating any bi-

2012 after Pakistan visited the

get assurances from the ICC and BCCI that India would send their team to play in Pakistan in the showpiece.

2-0 series lead in the three-match series against the West Indies and

Ben Stokes' side gets the chance to clinch a series sweep when the

ings, with the victory catapulting

them past South Africa, Bangladesh

and West Indies into sixth place on

The World Test Championship

standings remain unchanged at

the top. India continues to hold the

number one spot with a dominant

68.51% points percentage, while

event. Zone Ganderbal once again

emerged victorious, defeating Zone

Meanwhile, Inter-School Zonal

Kangan with a decisive 2-0 victory.

Level cricket competitions for boys

Under-17 were organized by Zone

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YSS Ganderbal Hosts Series

lateral venture with India," the source added. India have suspended bilateral series with Pakistan since

series. Both the countries have not played any Test series since Pakistan's tour to India in 2007.

Even the participation of India in the Champions Trophy speculations doing rounds about Men In Blue wanting to play their matches outside

GAMBHIR BACKS ROHIT, KOHLI TO PLAY UNTIL 2027 WC

India coach Gautam Gambhir expects veteran batters Rohit Sharma and Virat Kohli to continue to come good with match-winning knocks, stating both those guys have got a lot

they can deliver on the big

Cup as well. I think bot

as well," Gambhir said at the press conference on Monday.

of cricket left in them. "I think they've shown what

> ered convincing wins in their first two continental tournament, beating als Pakistan and United Arab Emirates ets and 78 runs respectively to put one

Froup A Women's T20 Asia Cup match

epal hardly have any time to recover eat to Pakistan on Sunday.

India's Paes, Amritraj Make History

rormer doubles world number one Leander Paes

The first inductees from India were joined by British tennis journalist and author Richard Evans in enshrinement ceremonies at the Hall of Fame in

 Γ and tennis broadcaster, actor and player Vijay Amritraj became the first Asian men inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame on July 20.

Paes won Olympic bronze, eight men's doubles and

Amritraj reached the men's singles quarterfinals at

Joining Tennis Hall Of Fame

10 mixed doubles grand slam crowns.

WTC Table: India Remain No 1; England Make Big Leap

Champions Trop



Agencies

DUBAI: England have moved off the bottom of the ICC World Test Championship standings and kept in touch with the competition paces with a comprehensive 241-run yr ry over the West Indies in the see Test of their series in Nottingham.

The hosts wrapped up the seriesclinching triumph late on the fourth day, with spinner Shoaib Bashir (5/41) claiming the third five-wicket haul of his career to help England dismiss the West Indies for 143 in pursuit of 385 for victory, as per an ICC press release

It means England now hold a Australia remains hot on their heels

Observer News Service

GANDERBAL: The Department of

Youth Services and Sports Gander-

bal organised several sports events

el football competition for girls Un-

participation from all zones of the

district, culminating in a thrilling fi-

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Zone Kangan with a 2-1 score, se-

A similar football competi-

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der-17 at MM Stadium, Ganderbal.

The department held a Zonal Lev-

The event witnessed enthusiastic

across the district on Monday.

Of Sports Activities

Dailgam, Anantnag Schools Clinch **Football Tournaments**

Observer News Service

ANANTNAG: The much-anticipated Department of Youth Services and Sports-organised Under-19 and Under-17 football finals concluded on Monday with spectacular performances at the HSS Dailgam venue.

HSS Dailgam clinched the U-19 football title by defeat-ing SRJ HSS Khanabal with a ve score of 3-0. The U-19 match showcased HSS Dailgam's superior strategy and coordination, as they secured their victory with three remarkable goals, leaving SRJ HSS bal unable to respond. nother fiercely contested the U-17 age group saw

Anantnag triumph over

Zone Bijbehara with a score of 3-1. Zone Anantnag displayed excellent offensive tactics and solid defense, which enabled them to outplay Zone Bijbehara and claim the title.

The tournament, which considerable attention from football enthusiasts in the region, highlighted the emerging talent and competitive spir-

it among the young players The final match lowed by a prize

sports calendar and was organized by the District Youth Ser-



Newport, Rhode Island.

District Level Sports Competitions Held In Anantnag

Observer News Service

ANANTNAG: The Department Under-14 and Under-17 District Level Inter-Zone Kabbadi Tournaments culminated on Monday at BHSS Bijbehara, with Zone Achabal and Zone Anantnag clinching the titles in their respective categories.

In the U-14 category, Zone Achabal emerged victorious over Zone Anantnag with a score of 37 to 25 points. Meanwhile, in the U-17 category, Zone Anantnag defeated Zone Achabal, scoring 38 points against Achabal's 29 points.

Earlier in the semi-finals, Zone Anantnag triumphed over Zone Bijbehara, while Zone Achabal secured their place in the final by defeating Zone Verinag.

Outstanding performances in the U-14 category were delivered by Jasim Kumar of Zone Anantnag, Mir Numan of Zone Achabal, and Zeeshan Bashir of Zone Bijbehara. In the U-17 category, notable players included Zeeshan Nisar, Zahid Hussain,

and Suhail Mukhtar

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Stadium Wanp Sports Stadium final match, held Panzath and HS Ni Mukhtar from Zon Vazigund. won by HS Panzath.

France Says Israeli Athletes 'Welcome' At Olympics, 12 Provide 24-Hour Security

Agencies

FRANCE: Israeli athletes are welcome at the Paris Olympics, French Foreign Minister Stephane Sejourne said Monday, after a hard-left member of the French parliament sparked outrage by urging them to stay away.

The Israeli delegation is welcome in France," Sejourne said in Brussels ahead of talks with his Israeli counterpart, adding that the call by France Unbowed (LFI) lawmaker Thomas Portes for the coun-

ternational Olympic Commitresponsib rity of journe a

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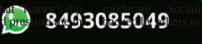
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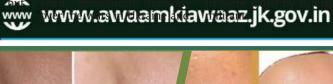
Hamas that has devastated Gaza has become a lightning

Israeli athletes will receive with some critics ac

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