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Govt Releases Hajj Policy 2025

Hajj Through HCl Only Once In A Lifetime Now



Observer News Service

Srinagar: In a significant development, the Government of India has announced that Indian Muslims can perform Hajj through the Hajj Committee of India (HCI) only once in their lifetime under the new Hajj policy 2025.

According to the policy draft, the policy outlines new regulations for seat allocation, eligibility and procedural improvements to ensure smoother and equitable Hajj pilgrimage.

"Those who have performed Hajj earlier through HCol will not be eligible to apply," the Hajj 2025 policy states.

The policy however, has given exemption for repeated Hajj pilgrimage under specific circumstances for companions and "Mehram" (male guardians) accompanying | More on P10

Peace Prerequisite For Progress, Prosperity: LG

Observer News Service

Governor, Manoj Tuesday addressed the of-

Srinagar: The Lieutenant

ficers of Army, Navy and Airforce undergoing Higher

Command Course at Army

War College, Mhow. The of-ficers and faculty members

are on a visit to the Northern

Speaking on the occasion,

Government Approach' in

I&K's transformation and

role of an efficient, effective

and accountable administra-

tion which has transformed

the way the government

He said the improved

security situation has pro-

pelled J&K UT towards an era

of peace, stability and pros-

perity and is a testament to

the resilience and determi-

"It is my firm belief that

works for the people.

nation of the people.

Lieutenant Governor emphasised on 'Whole of

>>> Emphasises On 'Whole Of Govt Approach' In J&K's Transformation

>>> Says Social Equality, Equal Access To Opportunity Is Our Commitment



peace is a prerequisite for progress and prosperity. We have been successful in dismantling the terror ecosystem and measures have been taken to sustain peace and stability. It will ensure that the benefits of growth reach all sections of society," the LG said.

The Lieutenant Governor observed that the economic revitalization with paced implementation of various initiatives and development projects has ensured a boost in the economy, creating more job opportunities and enhancing infrastructure.

"Social equality and equal access to opportunity is our commitment. The transformative change has been marked by all-encompassing initiatives taken for youth empowerment and skill development with the aim to create avenues for gainful employment," the LG said.

Maj Gen Gaurav Gautam; faculty members of Army War College, and senior officers of the Security Forces were present on the occasion at Raj Bhawan.

J&K CEO Seeks Helicopters for **Assembly Polls**

head of the Election Commission of India's visit, Jammu and Kashmir chief electoral officer (CEO) has set the ball rolling for hiring of helicopters for the electoral exercise. The | More on P10

EC To Meet J&K

Political Parties

The

Commission of India will meet political parties in Jammu and

Kashmir on Thursday to get feedback on conducting Assembly polls in the Union Territory.

The office of the chief elector-

al officer, Jammu and Kashmir,

on Tuesday issued letters to

various political parties, inviting them for a meeting with the

given time slots for the meeting with the Election Commission.

The EC. led by Chief Election

Commissioner Rajiv Kumar, is

scheduled to visit Jammu and

Kashmir from August 8-10 to re-

view preparedness for Assembly

polls, weeks before the Supreme

Court's September 30 dead-

line for holding elections in the

Union Territory. | More on P10

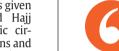
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Election

Tomorrow

Srinagar:

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Hajj Committee Quota Now 70%

ut of the total Hajj pilgrims quota allocated to India, 70 per cent would be handled by the Hajj Committee of India while the remaining 30 per cent will be allocated to private Hajj Group Organisers, according to the government's Hajj Policy for 2025. In 2024, the Hajj Committee of India (HCI) was allotted 80 per cent while the private Hajj | More on P10

THE POLICY HOWEVER, HAS GIVEN **EXEMPTION FOR REPEATED HAJJ PILGRIMAGE** under specific circumstances for companions and Mehrams (male guardians) accompanying female pilgrims and those aged 65 or above."

Tourist Trade Rules Released

J&K Govt Hikes Fees For Tourism Industry

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir administration has released the draft tourists trade rules in which the rates for registration, renewal of registration of hotels, homestays, houseboats and other hospitality sector related entities have been mentioned.

As per the draft, for a hotel or resort of A category five star deluxe, the owner is subjected

to pay a sum of Rs 2 lakh for two years to the government for the renewal of the property.

Similarly for A Category five star, A Category four star, A Category three star, A Category two star and A Category one star, the owner has to pay Rs 150000, Rs130000, Rs100000, Rs 50000, and Rs 30000 respectively for two years.

As per the draft, the owner of guest house, camp hotel, restaurant, Dhaba | More on P10

'Sexual Assault Of Minor In Srinagar School'

School Admin Faces Backlash, **POCSO Case Registered**

Majid Nabi

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Police on Tuesday registered a case of 'sodomy' under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act 2012, following the despicable act of sexual abuse with a minor allegedly by fellow students at a high profile private school in Srinagar.

The unnatural act abuse with a juvenile at the school located in the civil lines of the city has drawn widespread condemnation and uproar across social media platforms, prompting school administration to file a complaint.

The victim, a juvenile, according to various social media reports, was subjected to unnatural sex by two fellow students and that the incident went 'unreported' for three years.

Reports said that not only



did the minor accused warn the victim to prepare for consequences, but also threatened to harm his sister who also attends the school run by same management, in case he reported the incident to the police or his parents.

The victim was initially denying sexual abuse by two fellow students during school hours, but eventually opened up after his teachers convinced him to speak up against the cruelty meted out to him. Despite fulfilling challenging formalities, the school administration, according to a social media post, decided to main-

tain silence against the act.

However, social media uproar over the heinous crime led the school administration to file a written complaint at the concerned police station.

A formal case FIR no. 44 of 2024 under relevant sections of POCSO Act 2012 which include sections 377 (unnatural sex), 511 (attempt to sodomy) and 506 (criminal intimidation), and section 23 of the Juvenile Justice Act at police station Kothibagh in this regard.

Taking to its official X handle, the Srinagar police said the police have taken cognizance upon written information by the administrative authority of a particular school regarding sexual assault on a minor student.

"Case FIR 44/2024 under relevant sections | More on P10

5,724 Of 6,000 Jobs Filled For KPs Under PM Package

MHA Says Various Measures Taken For Their Security, Employment



File photo of Pandit Colony in Sheikhpora Budgam

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Centre on Tuesday that the government has taken various measures for the security and employment of Kashmiri migrant pandits in Iammu and Kashmir over the past few years.

In a written reply to a query in the Lok Sabha, minister of state for home affairs

Nityanand Rai said that the government has filled 5,724 of the 6,000 job vacancies designated for Kashmiri migrants under the Prime Minister's Development Package 2015 and the Prime Minister's Reconstruction Plan 2008.

He said that unemployed youth are also being supported through financial assistance under | More on P10

45 Educational Institutions To Be Renamed

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Tuesday ordered the renaming of 45 educational establishments and roads after some eminent personalities and the security forces who lost their lives on the line of duty.

Besides, the also ordered the renaming of a playground, a PMGSY road and a street link road after the eminent personalities and the secu-

Commissioner Secretary to the government (GAD) Sanjeev Verma in this regard issued the official order.

The government in the order said that the concerned administrative secretaries shall take immediate necessary steps including amending their records for effecting the changes.

Commissioner, "Divisional Kashmir and Jammu shall personally monitor the naming of the infrastructure and assets in their respective divisions," it reads.

It also said that the Deputy Commissioners shall ensure that appropriate events are held in connection with the naming of these infrastructure and assets.

14 Pilgrims Killed In J&K Terror **Attacks Since 2022: Centre**



Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Centre on Tuesday said that only two terrorist attacks on pilgrims have taken place between 2022 and 2024 in Jammu and Kashmir, with 14 casualties reported in these incidents.

In a written reply to a query from Trinamool MP Abhishek Banerjee, minister of state for home affairs Nityanand Rai

said that no such incident has taken place in 2019, 2020, 2021 and 2023

He said that in 2022 one such incident happened on May 13, when a blast took place inside a passenger bus in Katra, resulting in five

Similarly, this year on June 9, terrorists attacked a bus carrying pilgrims near the Kanda area of | More on P10

Amarnath Yatra Sets Record With 5 Lakh Pilgrims

he number of pilgrims who paid obeisance to Lord Shiva at Amarnath cave shrine in South Kashmir in this year's yatra has crossed the five-lakh mark as more than 2,800 | More on P10

With Over 6000 Contempt Pleas Pending, HC Fumes At Babus

Reduced To 'Cruel Joke' In J&K

Savs Justice Dispensation System Puts Bureaucracy On Guard: 'It Shall No Longer Be Tolerated'

M Ahmad

Srinagar: The High Court of J&K and Ladakh has come down heavily on administration over non-compliance with its directions, observing that the justice dispensation system has been reduced to a "cruel joke" in Jammu and Kashmir amid piling of over 6000 contempt petitions before it.

"This reflects a shocking scenario where the Executive is ignoring the orders passed by this Court consistently with utter disdain, cocky that this Court shall take no measures imperilling their liberty for their disobedience," a division bench of Justices Atul Sreedharan and Javed Iqbal Wani said while hearing a contempt plea.

"This environment has come to exist on account of the excessive latitude being shown by this Court, time and again, only to maintain a harmonious relationship between the judiciary and the executive," the court said and put the bureaucracy "on guard" that "what



has been happening till now with the orders of this Court shall no longer be tolerated."

'The number of contempt petitions pending before the High Court as on date is a little over six thousand. In other words, there are at least six thousand litigants in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir who despite having orders in their favour are unable to savour the benefit of these orders," the court underlined.

In some cases, the court observed, there may be more than one petitioner in a contempt petition which would raise the number of persons awaiting the benefit of the court's orders, phenomenally above six thousand.

"A few of these contempt matters are pending between ten to fifteen years and the cases pending between one to five years are the ones that run into thousands and has reduced the justice dispensation system in the UT to a cruel joke," the court said.

A contempt case, the court underscored, must be concluded ideally in three to five hearings in which the order is complied with, or "there is no need to comply with it as the superior Court or the larger bench has stayed or set aside the principal order itself, or the contemnor is punished in accordance with law.'

A "tradition" existed where the contemnors were given repeated adjournments, a multitude of "statement of facts" and "reports" were called for resulting in contempt petitions pending for four to five years, the court said. | More on P10

J&K Tops National Immunization Chart

Press Trust Of India

New Delhi: The national full immunisation coverage for 2023-24 was 93.50 per cent, with Lakshadweep and Jammu and Kashmir topping the list, according to the Source Health Management Information System.

In a written reply in the Rajya Sabha on Tuesday, Rajya Sabha on Tuesday, Union Minister of State for Health Prataprao Jadhav said Lakshadweep (108.79 per cent) and Jammu and Kashmir (108.66 per cent) were followed by Telangana (106.13 per cent), Delhi (105.03 per cent), Andhra Pradesh (101.26 per cent), Mizoram (101.10 per cent) and Maharashtra (101.04 per cent).

Immunisation coverage was above 95 per cent in West Bengal, Uttar Pradesh, Tripura, Meghalaya, Karnataka, Jharkhand Gujarat, Chandigarh and Chhattisgarh during this period.

The coverage was the lowest in Dadra and Nagar Haveli and Daman and Diu at 48.03 per cent.

According to health ministry sources, some states and Union territories had figures higher than 100 per cent because of increased coverage by catchup campaigns such | More on P10

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Want To Live Longer? German Firm Aims To Bring You Back From Dead

Amit Chaturvedi

NDTV

eath is inevitable, still many people across the world are busy finding ways to become immortal. Like 46-year-old Bryan Johnson, the CEO of a Silicon Valley company, who claims to have reversed his biological age by more than five years through an anti-ageing regimen. Taking it a step further, a start-up in Germany is offering to freeze people in cryopreservation and be revived when technology is advanced enough. According to Mashable, Tomorrow Bio is demanding 1.8 crore to preserve the entire body after death and 67.2 lakh if someone just wants their brain to be frozen.

Through cryopreservation, where temperature is minus 198 degrees Celsius, the company puts a body in 'biostasis' - a state where all biological processes are ceased indefinitely.

The company claims that the body can be willingly revived in the future and cause of death treated. This is a modal window. The media could not be loaded, either because the server or network failed or because the format is not supported. Tomorrow Bio said on its website that the company's vision is "to build a world where people can choose how long they want to live -Independent of where they are,

In the case of; Ghulam Nabi Teeli

May it please your Honour;

Date: - 06-08-2024.

S/O Hamza Teeli.

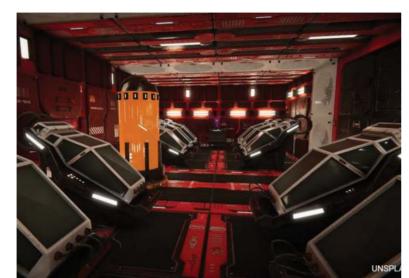
with the on going development of his proposed residential house in it.

The Caveator/applicant most humbly submit as under;

That notice in respect of this Caveat has already been published in public newapaper

ex-parte order or direction, the application be allowed in the interests of justice.

That the application is supported by a duly sworn affidavit of the Caveator.



who they are, and their financial

Mashable said that six people and five pets have already been put under cryopreservation, and more than 650 people who have paid for the service are waiting in line.

Company's co-founder Fernando Azevedo Pinheir said during his lifetime, "we may witness the safe cryopreservation and reanimation of complex organisms" Mr Pinheir also said that his com-

pany starts the work as soon as a person dies. He explained that specially made ambulances available in different European cities carry the bodies to the main facility in Swit-

Before The Hon'ble Court Of District & Sessions Judge At Pulwama. Before The Hon'ble Court Of Munsiff At Pampore.

In the matter of; Caveat Application on behalf of the Caveator for providing an opportunity of being heard in his favour before passing

any order or direction against him in ex-parte in any suit or application presented by the Non-applicants in respect of the land falling

under Survey No. 2641Min measuring 18 Marlas under Khata No. 1813 & Khewat No. 1659 situated at village Khrew Tehsil Pampore along

der Survey Nos. 2641 Min situated at village Khrew Tehsil Pampore District Pulwama, in which the applicant is undergoing t construct his

new residential house in accordance to the permission and approval of the all concerned authorities as warranted under law if the land.

otherwise may approach this Hon'ble court with some fictitious and fabricated suit or application exclusively with an intention to get

the ongoing proposed and preparedness process work of the applicant and cause further irreparable loss and agony to the applicant, as

application in respect of land measuring 14 Marlas falling under Survey Nos.2641 Min situated at village Khrew Tehsil Pampore District

Pulwama or in respect of the on going process by the caveator to raise the construction of his residential house in the said land is pre-

sented by any person or persons before this Hon'ble court, the Caveator be provided an opportunity of being heard before passing any

such prays before this Hon'ble court to provide him an opportunity of being heard before passing of any order or direction in ex-parte.

(Public at large)

That the Caveator is in legal, lawful and actual, possession and enjoyment of a piece of land measuring 14 Marlas falling un

That the Caveator/applicant apprehend that the any person/persons at the inspiration of any interested person/persons or

In the premises, it is therefore prayed that this Hon'ble court be pleased to allow this caveat application and in case any suit or

Residents of village Khrew

zerland. The company has standby teams in Berline, Amsterdam and

Zurich for the job. The body is then kept in an isolated steel container filled with liquid nitrogen for 10 days to achieve the temperature of minus 198 degrees Celsius.

What is cryopreservation? It is a process where biological material - cells, tissues, or organs - are frozen to preserve the material for an extended period of time. However, cryopreservation is different from freezing. It involves a special cryoprotectant solutions (liquid nitrogen) to prevent ice crystals on the body, which can be detrimental for it.

Office of the Naib-Tehsildar Pattan **Executive Magistrate 1st Class**

Subject: Issuance of Registration orders in respect

of delayed Birth

Public Notice

The registar Births and deaths (EO Municipal Council Pattan/ Block Development Officer Singhpora) has submitted a case file pertaining to Birth of Momin Ahmad Waza S/o Zahid Ahmad Waza R/o Pattan Tehsial Pattan District Baramulla with vertified date of event (birth) as 25-04-2021 occurred at Home

In this connection, if anybody having any objection to the issuance of said registration may contact this office within seven (07) days, after which no objections shall be entertained.

Executive Magistrate 1st Class Naib Tehsildar Pattan

NOTICE

Yaqoob Rather R/o Awanta Bhawan, Shahi Mohalla, Soura Srinagar 190011 want to correct my name & my father's name in my Driving licence Bearing Licence no JK01 20040042431 from Gh Mohd Rather S/o Mohd Yaqoob To Ghulam Mohd Rather S/o Mohd Yaqoob Rather as per Aadhar. Regarding this, if anybody is having any objection he/she may file the same to the RTO office Srinagar within a week after that no objection will be entertained.

Public Notice

I have applied for the issuance of DOB certificate in favour of my daughter Nazimah Ali who was born on 06-06-2008. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Block Development Officer Narbal Budgam within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained. F/o Nazimah Ali R/o Yarigund

PUBLIC NOTICE

My name has been wrongly written in my Bank Account details as tion shall be entertained.

W/o Farooq Ah Parray R/o Bon-Makhama Magam Ac. No: 0090040100093882

Firdousa Raheem while my correct name is Firdousa Bano W/o Faroog Ah Parray which needs to be corrected. If anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the J&K Bank Magam within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objec-Firdousa Bano

Office Of Advocate Yakoob Hussain Sofi J&K High

COURT SRINAGAR CHAMBER NO. 07 MUNSIFF/JMFC AT MAGAM Cell No. 9906517553, 9419068005

In the case of.

1. Mohammad Akbar Hurrah Mohammad Jaffar Hurrah.

3. Kulsuma Bano W/o Ghulam Sofi. Sons and daughter of late

Ghulam Mohammad Hurrah. 4. Bashir Hussain Hurrah

Manzoor Ahmad Hurrah. Mehmood Ahmad Hurrah.

7. Saiad Hussain Hurrah.

8. Haleema Akther.

Sons and daughter Mohammad Akbar Hurrah All Residents of Malabuchan Tehsil Pattan Disrtict BarmullahCaveators

PUBLIC AT LARGE

...Non-caveator

IN THE MATTER OF: Caveat Petition in terms of Section 148-A of C.P.C. The Caveators have reasons to believe/apprehension that non-Caveator (s) may file a suit/application/petition or any other type of proceedings before the Hon ble High Court, District Courts, Revenue order at her back/ex-parte against the caveators and in such eventuality, the caveators will be put to an irreparable loss and inconvenience. It would be proper that caveators may be given an opportunity of being heard by the Hon'ble Court before passing any other or direction.

Seal & Signature Yakoob Hussain Sofi (Advocate)

Subject. Grant of registration of the proposed Homestay under the name, M/s Valley Gold Homestay "situated at Baghat Barzulla Srinagar 190005

Public Notice

Whereas I Mr./ Feroz Ahmad Guroor S/o Abdul Razag Guroo R/o Main road Baghat Barzulla Srinagar 190005 intends to apply in the Department of tourism for registration of my proposed Homestay under the name and style" Valley Gold Homestay situated at, Baghat Barzulla Srinagar, Kashmir under Tourist Trade Act1978/82/2011-12.

Whereas, I will submit state subject/Domicile certificate, Qualification Certificate, Pan card, Experience certificate (minimum 05 years). Character certificate (Police department). Bank statement (minimum balance 1000), site plan, Affidavit, Rent Deed duly attested sub-registrar, printing Material (Letter Head/Visiting).Photograph of the unit (indoor and Outdoor) and Two Passport size photograph to the department of tourism as prescribed checklist prior to registration of my unit as an Excursion Agency/Adventure tour operation.

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/Ban/ Organisation, etc for objection, if any and the same should reach to the deputy director tourism Registration (e-mail ID:-ddtreg123@ gmail.com) within a period of 7 days from the publication of this notice in leading local newspaper/newspaper of the valley.No objection beyond a period of 7 days shall be entertained

Subject.Grant of registration of the proposed Travel unit under the name, M/s Svish Travels Tour and Travels "situated at Pamposh Colony Natipora Srinagar

Public Notice

Whereas I Mr./Ms Sheema D/O Manzoor Ahmad Shah R/o Shah villa Pamposh Colony Natipora, Srinagar 190015 Svish Travels intends to apply in the Department of tourism for registration of my proposed Travel unit under the name and style" M/s Svish Travels" situated at Pamposh Colony Natipora

Srinagar Kashmir under Tourist Trade Act1978/82/2011-12. Whereas, I will submit state subject/Domicile certificate, Qualification Certificate, Pan card, Experience certificate (minimum 05 years), Character certificate (Police department). Bank statement (minimum balance 1000),site plan, Affidavit,Rent Deed duly attested sub-registrar, printing Material (Letter Head/Visiting), Photograph of the unit (indoor and Outdoor) and Two Passport size photograph to the department of tourism as prescribed checklist prior to registration of my unit as an Excursion Agency/Adventure tour operation.

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Subject. Grant of registration of the proposed Travel unit under the name, M/s Zarar Travels Tour and Travels " situated at Baghat Chowk, Sara centre complex near Saddar police station Srinagar 190005

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas I Mr./Ms Shoaib Shabir S/o Shabir Ahmad Bhat R/o Khalid Abad Baghat Barzulla Srinagar, 190005. Zarar intends to apply in the Department of tourism for regis-

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir

Office Of The Executive Engineer (R&B) Hospital **Electric Division Kashmir,**

Engineering Complex Srinagar Rajbagh. **Cancellation Notice**

Subject: Supply installation testing and commissioning of High Mast lights at Main Road Ziyarat Zain Din Wali Aishmugam

The E-NIT No f21/90/R&B/Electric Division Kashmir of 2023-24 issued under Endorsement No: ERB/ 4643-51DATED: 15-03-2024 is hereby cancelled due to Single Bid.

No. ERB/1648-56 Dtd: 05-08-2024

DIPK-4241/24 dated: 06-08-2024 Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Kashmir

Government of Jammu and Kashmir JAL SHAKTI DEPARTMENT

Office Of Executive Engineer, PHE Mechanical Rural Division, Srinagar, Kashmir.

Corrigendum-II

For E-NIT No. PHE/MRD/TS/33 of 07/2024 DT: - 25-07-2024 issued vide this office No:-PHE/MRD/ TS/1785-89 DT: - 25-07-2024 and published vide No: 2024_PHE_254218_1 is hereby extended again due to poor response . The new closing and opening dates are given below:

S.NO.	Description	Date	Time
1.	Closing date	08-08-2024	11:00 AM
2.	Bid opening date	08-08-2024	12:00 PM

No: PHE/MRD/2024-28 DIPK-4214/24 Dated: 06-08-2024

Sd/-Executive Engineer, PHE Mechanical Rural Division, Srinagar.

Government Of Jammu And Kashmir Revenue Department

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Office of the Executive Magistrate 1st Class / Tehsildar Kokernag

No: 2929-34/Misc/Kng Dated 05-08-2024

In continuation to this office auction notice No's: 2707-13/Mise/Kng dated'.03-07-2024, No:2825-30/Misc/kng dated:19-07-2024, No:2893-98/Misc/Kng dated',30-07-2024 & Deputy Commissioner, Ananntnag's order No:DCA/Misc/15 of 2024 dated:20-06-2024 issued under endorsement No:DCA/Misc/195-1200 dated:20-06 2024. The Tehsil Office Kokernag once agin invites Bidders to take part in the open auction of fallen chinar tree at Botanical Garden Kokernag uprooted during winter and is lying inside the lawn of the said Garden on 12-08-2024 (Monday) at 11:30 AM inside the premises of office of undersigned. Therefore the Interested Bidders are requested to check the said fallen chinar tree before the auction...

Terms and Conditions:-

Caveator through counsel

Mushtaq A. Khanday & Associate Advocates

1. The Government Bid for the said Chinar tree is Rs,78.000/= fRs. Seventy Eight Thousand only), so only those bidders can participate who are Willing.to enhance the bid

2. All the Bidders have to deposit the amount of Rs.5000/= well before the conduction of auction.

3. The successful bidder will have to deposit the final bid amount in cash on the spot. 4. During cutting/lifting of the said fallen chinar tree if there is any kind of damage to any person or property, the successful bidder will be personally responsible for that. 5. The successful bidder have to cut/lift the auctioned chinar tree in the prescribed time period and follow the codal formalities.

6. Rest of the terms/ conditions will be communicated on the spot on auction date.

DIPK-4226/24 dated: 06-08-2024

> **Executive Magistrate** 1st Class / Tehsildar Kokernag

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Naib Tehsildar Pattan

ازنیابت تله گام ورخواست منجانب سائمهاختر دختر غلام محمد بث ساكنه وانيكام بالانخصيل بيثن بغرض حصول RBA سر تفکیک بخت خود اشتہار بمرادآ گاہی ہرخاص وعام۔ عامله مندرجه عنوان الصدر میں سائل نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول RBA سرفنگیٹ دفتر مذا

میں پیش کیا ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے۔اس بارے میں پٹواری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی گئی جس ے عیاں ہے کہ سائل موضع وانیگام بالامیں اپنے والد کے ساتھ رہائش پذیر ہے اور سائلہ ابھی تک غیرشادی شدہ ہے ۔سائلہ کا کنبہ درجہ ذیل افراد پر مشتل ہے نمبرشار نام معهوولديت

ہاجہ بیگم زوجہ غلام محمد بٹ عمررسيده د کا نداری جاويداحمه بث ولدغلام محمر بث 24 س طور پرسائل کا کہند 1 فراد پر شتل ہے ہا کلہ کے کنبد کے مہوار آمدنی 47050 روپے ے یہ کہذا سرفنگیٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی مخص کوکوئی اعتراض ہوگاوہ اپنااعتراض ایک ہفتہ کے ندر دوران دفتری اوقات میں اپنااعتراض پیش کرے۔معیادگز رنے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل

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DC Srinagar Reviews Implementation Of COTPA In District

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In order to review the implementation and enforcement of Cigarette and Other Tobacco Product Act (COPTA) in the District, a Workshop cum Meeting of District Level Coordination Committee(DLCC) was held under the Chairmanship of the Deputy Commissioner(DC) nagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat here today at Meeting Hall of DC Office Complex.

The meeting focused on discussing the implementation of the National Tobacco Control Program (NTCP) in Srinagar.

Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad, Chief Medical Officer, Dr Tahir Sajad and all concerned were present in the meeting.

On the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner emphasized the urgent need for a comprehensive approach to combating tobacco use in the region.

During the meeting, DC said that tobacco use is a major public health concern that requires coordinated efforts from all sectors of society.

DC further emphasized that we must ensure that our educational institutions are free from tobacco influence, and this begins with the implementation of the Tobacco-Free Educational Institutions (ToFFEI) initiative.'

He also highlighted the importance of vendor regulation, noting that unlicensed vendors contribute significantly to the accessibility of tobacco products, especially among youth.

A robust strategy for vendor licensing is cru- comes in the region.

cial. We need to involve all stakeholders, including law enforcement, health officials, and the community to ensure compliance and reduce the availability of tobacco products, DC told the Officers.

Dr. Bilal directed the Chief Planning Officer to devise an effective strategy for vendor licensing of tobacco products in Srinagar, emphasizing the importance of collaborative efforts. He also stressed the need for regular enforcement drives and continuous awareness campaigns at all levels to educate the public about the dangers of

The Chief Medical Officer, Srinagar, welcomed the participants and provided an overview of the District-level achievements of NTCP in Srinagar. Dr. Mir Mushtaq, Nodal Officer, NTCP, Kashmir, highlighted the challenges encountered in the program's implementation within the district.

A training workshop was conducted by the Tobacco Control Cell, Directorate of Health Services, Kashmir, with participation from stakeholders across various departments and civil society members. The workshop featured de-tailed presentations on the implementation of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA) 2003.

This program aimed to fortify the NTCP's implementation in Srinagar, striving to mitigate the harmful effects of tobacco on society. The collaborative efforts of the officials and stakeholders are expected to significantly enhance public health out-

Chairs Meeting To Finalize District Skill Plan

SRINAGAR: Deputy Com- to be trained during the missioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat, who is also Chair- trict Skill Committee emman District Skill Committee today chaired a District Skill Plan under SANKALP program here at the meeting Hall of DC Office Complex.

At the outset of the meeting, the Convener District Skill Committee gave a detailed presentation about the skill gaps that have been pointed out by the National Skill Development Corporation (NSDC).

A proposed action plan was placed before the committee consisting of 17 sectors spread over 41 trades with the financial implication of Rs 2.054 Crores and 1230 unemprojected under the Plan

next one year.

The DC/Chairman Disphasized that Cross Trade Analysis shall be carried meeting to finalize the out by the institutions imparting skill training and thrust shall be laid to identify demand driven trades so as to create more employment avenues for unemployed youth.

He also gave directions to Deputy Director Employment and General Manager DIC to identify the trades which will be relevant to the market in the next five years by consulting the existing industrial clusters.

Besides, Chief Planning Officer, Fayaz Ahmad, the meeting was attended by Members of the District Skill Comployed youth have been mittee and Officers of allied Departments.

Cultural Unit DIPR Organizes Seminar On 'Viksit Bharat'

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In continuation to the 78th Independence Day celebrations, a seminar cum cultural event was on Tuesday organized by Cultural Unit Kashmir, Department of Information and Public Relations J&K at MPML Higher Secondary School, Baghi Dilawar Khan Srinagar.

The event provided students a platform to highlight the developmental dimensions of the country under the vision 'Viksit Bharat', in sync with the government's vision to transform the country into a developed nation by 2047.

Earlier, the program kickstarted with the National Anthem sung by the students of MPML Higher Secondary School while the artists of Shahkaar Cultural Society presented a themat-

ic skit and song. Addressing the gathering, Nikhat Mir, Principal MPML Higher Secondary School appreciated Cultural Unit Kashmir, DIPR for providing a platform to youth especially students to showcase their talent.

She emphasized that these celebrations develop patriotism among youth to-

wards the nation. AECO Cultural Unit DIPR, Syed Shakeel Shan encouraged the participating students for their love and honour towards the nation. He advised the students to come forward and join hands with the departments and organizations who promote art and culture on broader platforms. At the conclusion mementoes and certificates were distributed among the participants.

SWACHHTA PAKHWADA

Div Com, DC Participate In **Cleanliness Drive In Harwan**



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In order to give impetus to a massive fortnight campaign of Swachhta Pakhwada, the Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri along with Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Dr Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat visited various areas of Harwan, Dara, Saedpora and Fagir Gujri to participate in the cleanliness drive to highlight the significance of clean & hygienic surroundings, habitations, canals and public places.

The officers led cleanliness drive to demonstrate their concern and responsibility for ensuring healthy environment and underlined the importance of collective efforts of citizens & administration.

Later, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Deputy Commissioner Srinagar and Deputy CEO, distributed 19 Solar Home Lighting Systems and 69 Biomass Cook Stoves among the identified Tribal/ Nomadic families of Faqir Gujri, Harwan in a function, here.

DIV COM. DC **SRINAGAR ALSO PLANTED SAPLINGS** AT HARWAN BLOCK TO PROMOTE THE **MESSAGE** of green environment for

The devices were provided by IAKEDA, which aims to provide benefit of non-conventional energy devices to the tribal community.

healthier society.

Speaking on the occasion, Div Com stressed on participation of people in Swachhta Pakhwada initiative and urged them to keep their beautiful landscape, water canals and other places neat and clean by proper waste management techniques to preserve & sustain the environment.

He also encouraged them to participate in plantation drives under the

theme Ek Ped Shaheedon Ke Naam to honor the sacrifices of martyrs and promote eco-friendly practices.

He also administered pledge to the students, locals, civil representatives and officers in view of Swachhta Pakhwada.

Div Com, DC Srinagar also planted saplings at Harwan Block to promote the message of green environment for healthier society.

Addressing the gathering, DC Srinagar gave insights about the Swachhta Pakhwada Campaign, importance of Cleanliness Drives, Plantation Drives and steps taken by the District administration for clean Urban and Rural areas.

While speaking about the usage of non-conventional energy devices as alternate source of energy, DC informed that the administration shall develop Faqir Gujri as a solar village in near future.

The function was attended by officers of District Administration, local representatives and residents besides beneficiaries and students.

Mehjoor Nagar Residents Demand Completion Of Footbridge

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SRINAGAR: Residents of Mehjoor Nagar area of Srinagar have expressed dissatisfaction over the slow progress of a footbridge, construction of which began in the year 2022 in the

The project, which got an allocation of Rs. 4.95 crore budget, was inaugurated by the then Mayor Junaid Azim Mattu



and Commissioner Athar Aamir Khan (IAS) with much anticipation.

However, the bridge

has remained incomplete since then.

One local, while speaking to the news agencyKNO, said, "It seems that the authorities have forgotten to complete the work on a bridge here in Mehjoor Nagar."

When contacted, officials from the Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) said there were some issues with locals that led to delay in the project. "We plan to visit the site again in a week or two to assess the situation and resume the work," they added.



Mashq e Arba'een ... Dar'ke Azadari!

WEEK LONG ART, PHOTOGRAPHY, CALLIGRAPHY & POETRY EXHIBITION.

23rd to 30th August, 2024 (17th to 24th Safar ul Muzaffar, 1446 AH)

Timings: 11.00AM - 6.00PM (Tentative)

Registration Opens: Monday, 5th August, 2024 (12.01AM). Registration Closes: Sunday, 11th August, 2024 (11.30PM). Submission of Works: Saturday, 17th August, 2024 (4.00PM).

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"Mashq e Arba'een - Dar'ke Azadari" is a week long Art, Photography, Calligraphy and Poetry Exhibition. The exhibition - beginning with 23rd August, 2024, Friday, 17th Safar ul Muzaffar, 1446 - includes the works of the Artists and other Creative participants including students of different educational institutions under the theme of "Arba'een ... Dar'ke Azadari". It will explore different dimensions of mournings, The Azadari, and understand how the people and the spaces feel during the mourning months of Muharram and Safar. It is our humble tribute to Imam Hussain (AS) and the Martyrs of Karbala through Art and Other Creative Medium. We will have an opportunity to study the multi-dimensional aspects of the observence of the mourning traditions during Muharram in general and Kashmir in particular. For next few days through the series of 'creative works' we will feel and discuss different historical places and meet people and experts of elegies, poetry, photography, paintings, calligraphy, connect emotionally and share our own experiences and to get first hand experience of multi- dimensional aspects of 'Traditions of Azadari'. The effort also envisions bringing together children, parents, educational and other academics, researchers and scholars from varied backgrounds and above all general society members to know how about "Aashura and Arba'een, the Sacrifice of Imam Hussain (AS), the Grandson of Prophet Muhammad (SAW), and The Message of Karbala".

- Mashq e Azadari Calligraphy Window.
- Aks e Azadari Visual Window.
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This Day In History

- Battle at Constantinople: Slavic/Persians/ Avarenvloot defeated
- 936 Otto I the Great becomes King of Germany 1420- Construction begins on the dome of Florence
- Cathedral, designed by Renaissance architect Filippo
- 1479- Battle of Guinegate: Emperor Maximilian I vs King Louis XI
- 1575- Spanish troops conquer Oudewater, almost all inhabitants died
- 1606- Possible first performance of Shakespeare's tragedy Macbeth, performed in the Great Hall at Hampton Court Palace for King James I
- 1620- Battle at Ponts-the-Ce, Poitou: French king Louis XIII defeats his mother Marie de Medici 1714- The Battle of Gangut: the first important victory of
- the Russian Navy during the Great Northern War against 1782- Commander of the Continental Army, George Washington, creates two Honorary Badges of Distinction
- and a Badge of Military Merit (now the Purple Heart). First time military awards are presented to common soldiers. 1789- US Congress creates the Department of War and
- the United States Lighthouse Establishment 1802- Napoleon orders re-instatement of slavery on St
- Domingue (Haiti) 1819- Battle of Boyacá; Bolívar defeats Spanish in

1882- Hatfields of south West Virginia and McCoys of

- 1864-Battle of Moorefield, West Virginia
- east Kentucky feud, 100 wounded or die 1884- Germany annexes Angra Pequena / German South
- West-Africa (modern Namibia) 1885- Five German warships anchor off Zanzibar 1904- Train derails on bridge in Eden, Colorado, during a
- flash flood, kills 96 1908- The first train to travel the length of New Zealand's
- North Island 'main trunk line', leaves Wellington Progressive (Bull Moose) Party nominates
- Theodore Roosevelt for US President 1914 - Russia invades East Prussia
- division of Mosoelgebied 1927 - Peace Bridge between US and Canada dedicated 1933 - The Iraqi Government slaughters over 3,000

1925 - League of Nation advises against Turk/Iraqi

Assyrians in the village of Sumail. The day becomes

- known as Assyrian Martyrs Day. 1944 - US 3rd Army reaches suburbs of Brest, Brittany 1944 - IBM dedicates the first program-controlled calculator, the Automatic Sequence Controlled
- Calculator (known best as the Harvard Mark I) 1956 - British government sends 3 aircraft carriers to
- 1956 Dynamite transport explodes in Colombia; about 1200 die
- 1956 51-year-old Satchel Paige (Miami Marlins) wins a game before the largest crowd in minor league history, 57,000 at Miami's Orange Bowl; International League: Marlins 6-2 v Columbus Jets
- 1959 Explorer 6 transmits 1st TV photo of Earth from space
- 1961 Cosmonaut Gherman Titov circles Earth for a full day in Vostok 2
- 1961 Soviet premier Khrushchev predicts USSR economy will surpass US
- 1962 USSR performs nuclear test at Eastern Kazakh/ Semipalitinsk USSR
- 1964 Turkey begins air attack on Greek Cypriots 1965 - Lee Kuan Yew, Prime Minister of Singapore signs a separation agreement with Malaysia, after 2 years of
- 1976 US Viking 2 goes into Martian orbit after 11-month
- flight from Earth 1976 - Scientists in Pasadena, California, announce Viking I found strongest indications to date of possible life on Mars
- 1981 "The Washington Star" ceases all operations after 128 years of publication.
- 1985 Takao Doi, Mamoru Mohri and Chiaki Mukai are chosen to be Japan's first astronauts.
- 1987 Javed Miandad becomes first to score 6,000 Test runs for Pakistan as he cracks 260 in drawn 5th Test v England at The Oval
- 1990 Operation Desert Shield begins US deploys troops to Saudi Arabia
- 1997 STS 85 (Discovery 23) launches into orbit
- 2008 Georgia launches a military offensive to surround and capture the capital of South Ossetia, Tskhinvali, from Russian control, starting the South Ossetia War.
- 2012 Heavy rain forces 20,000 people to flee their homes in Manila, Phillipines
- 2012 200,000 people are evacuated from Shanghai in anticipation of Typhoon Haikui

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Bangladesh Opposition Leaders, Jamaat Activists **Granted Bail Amid Unrest**

Dhaka: Families of political prisoners secretly jailed in Bangladesh under the autocratic rule of ousted premier Sheikh Hasina waited desperately Tuesday for news of their relatives, as some of those missing were released.

"We need answers," said Sanjida Islam Tulee, a coordinator of Mayer Daak, meaning "The Call of the Mothers", a group campaigning for the release of people detained by Hasina's security forces.

Rights groups accused Hasina's security forces of abducting and disappearing some 600 people - including many from the main opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party and the banned Jamaat-e-Islami, the country's largest Islamist party.

Tulee told AFP that at least 20 families gathered outside a miliarrested during the student protests, as well as key opposition leader Zia

"People who were detained between July 1 and August 5 as part of the anti-discrimination protests are being freed, and already many have been freed," Shiplu Zman, a press secretary of the president, said.

Former premier Zia, 78, chairperson of the Bangladesh Nationalist Party (BNP) is in poor health and was largely under house arrest after being sentenced to 17 years in prison for graft in 2018.

"She is now free," A.K.M Wahiduzzaman, a BNP spokesman, told AFP.

What happened to others?

Among the most high profile of those released on Tuesday was opposition activist and lawyer Ahmad Bin Quasem, son of Mir



tary intelligence force building in a northern Dhaka neighbourhood waiting for news of their relatives.

Former prime minister Khaleda Zia, a bitter rival of Hasina, was also released from vears of house arrest.

Army chief General Waker-Uz-Zaman announced Monday that Hasina had resigned after weeks of deadly protests, and the military would form a caretaker government.

Hours later President Mohammed Shahabuddin -- after a meeting with the army chief -- said it had been decided to free all those

Quasem Ali, the executed leader of .Jamaat-e-Islami.

"He was released from secret detention this morning," family friend and relative Masum Khalili told AFP. "He had a medical checkup, his condition is stable.'

Quasem, a British-educated barrister, was abducted -- allegedly by security forces in plainclothes - in August 2016. Others released include former brigadier-general Abdullahil Aman Azmi, abducted in 2016, Jamaat-e-Islami said in a statement.

His father Ghulam Azam, the former head of Jamaat-e-Islami, died in prison in 2014.



West Asia Teeters on 'Brink of War of Unknown Proportions': EU

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Vieana: The European Union's foreign policy chief, Josep Borrell, has expressed alarm over the risk of a "war of unknown proportions" as tensions grow in West Asia following spate of assassinations by Israel in the region.

Borrell made the remarks in an X post on Tuesday, as Israel's failure in its war on the Gaza Strip has prompted the regime to assassinate resistance leaders and wage attacks on the countries supporting Palestinian people.

"Tensions keep escalating in the Middle East, bringing it on the brink of a war of unknown proportions," he said.

The top EU diplomat also renewed his call for a ceasefire in Gaza, where the Israeli onslaught has killed at least 39,623 Palestinians, mostly women and children. and injured 91,469 others since October, 7, 2023.

JERUSALEM: The United States said it was working "around the

clock" to avert an all-out war in the

Middle East, as Israel remained on high alert Tuesday for potential

Iranian retaliation for two high-

country has sent extra warships

and fighter jets to the region in

support of Israel, held crisis talks

on Monday with his national secu-

Antony Blinken sought to calm

tensions that have soared since

an Israeli attack in Tehran last

Wednesday killed Ismail Haniyeh.

of Jordan, whose country helped

down Iranian drones and missiles

in an attack on Israel in April,

while Blinken called top officials

in Qatar and Egypt, the key inter-

mediaries seeking a ceasefire in

the 10-month Israel-Hamas war

"We are engaged in intense di-

Biden called King Abdullah II

Biden and his top diplomat

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profile killings.

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in Gaza.

"We all must prevent another catastrophe. The way forward is largely consensual: ceasefire in Gaza, now. All those standing in the way of de-escalation shall be held accountable," Borrell added.

Borrell's comments are made as Iran has vowed to give a "crushing response" to Israel after the regime's assassination of Ismail Haniyeh, political leader of the Palestinian group, in the Iranian capital Tehran on July 31.

The Iranian military has said the assassination was designed and executed by Israel, with support from the US administration.

US President Joe Biden meanwhile met his senior national security team as concerns of a possible Iranian retaliatory attack on Israel grew, the BBC reported.

Biden said he had been briefed on preparations to support Israel should it be attacked. while Secretary of State Antony Blinken said officials were working "around the clock" to prevent an escalation. The Pentagon said it was sending additional ships and aircraft to the Middle East to protect Israel from imminent Iranian attack.

Pentagon spokeswoman Sabrina Singh told reporters Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin "will be directing multiple" force movements to provide additional support to Israel and increase protection for U.S. troops in the region.

Iran's Supreme Leader Avatollah Seyyed Ali Khamenei has warned Israel of a "harsh punishment," saying Iran sees it as its duty to avenge the blood of a dear guest. Haniva's assassination in

Tehran followed an Israeli attack on Beirut that claimed the life of Fuad Shukr, a senior commander of Hezbollah.

Hezbollah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah has said Israel had "crossed red lines" in the assassinations of Shukr and Haniyeh and must expect "rage and revenge on all the fronts supporting Gaza.'

India Issues Safety Warning About Travel To UK Amid Riots

NEW DELHI: India issued on Tuesday a safety warning for nationals visiting the UK in the wake of riots targeting minority communities.

A wave of violent unrest and disorder has engulfed the UK since last week, after a misinformation campaign stoked outrage over a stabbing attack that killed three young girls and injured 10 people — mostly children — in Southport, northern England.

and exercise due caution while traveling in the UK," the High Commission of India in London said in a statement.

"It is advisable to follow local news and advisories issued by local security agencies, and to avoid areas where protests are underway.

The UK is home to over 1.9 million British Indians and a popular destination for many from the South Asian nation, with more than 600,000 Indian travelers visiting Britain just last year. Ajay Prakash, who is



False rumors spread online that the suspect of the incident was a Muslim asylum-seeker, leading to attacks on immigrants and mosques.

India has since joined a growing number of countries — including Australia Nigeria, and Indonesia that have issued safety warnings for their citizens

"Visitors from India are advised to stay vigilant

originally from Bihar and now runs a travel agency in London, said his clients are starting to consider canceling their upcoming trips to the UK because of the unrest.

"We are very much concerned. Because of this, we are getting several calls from our own customers who have booked their trips for UK tours specifically... This is impacting our business a lot," he told Arab News in a phone interview.

We all must prevent another catastrophe. The way forward is largely consensual: ceasefire in Gaza, now. All those standing in the way of de-escalation

Nobel winner Yunus says ready to head Bangladesh 'interim government'

Agencies

PARIS: Nobel winner Muhammad Yunus said on Tuesday he was ready to head an interim government in Bangladesh after mass demonstrations forced longtime ruler Sheikh Hasina to flee the country.

"I am honoured by the trust of the protesters who wish for me to lead the interim government," he said in a written statement to AFP

"If action is needed in Bangladesh, for my country and for the courage of my people, then I will take it," he said, also calling for "free elections."

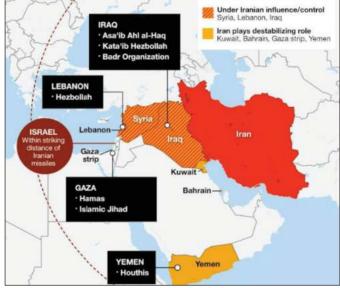
Bangladesh earlier dissolved national parliament, paving the way for the formation of a military-backed inelections.

Bangladesh President Shahabuddin Mohammed took the step to dissolve the current parliament and begin a process to form an interim government, according to his press secretary Joynal Abedin.

Shahabuddin directed the authorities to lift the curfew earlier in the day after more than two weeks of clashes between Hasina's supporters, security forces and studentled protesters.

powerful Bangladesh's army chief Waker-Uz-Zaman is looking to set up an interim government in consultation with the president.

shall be held accountable US Says Working to Avert War But Sends Warships To Defend Israel



plomacy, pretty much around the clock, with a very simple message -- all parties must refrain from escalation," Blinken said after joining other top officials in a White House meeting.

Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian hit out on Monday at what he called the "criminal acts' of Israel "against the oppressed and defenceless people of Gaza" as well as for Haniyeh's killing.

Lebanon's Hezbollah Launches Swarm Of Drones At Israel

ebanon's armed group Hezbollah launched a series of drone and rocket attacks into northern Israel on Tuesday but ing of a top commander last week was yet to come.

Hezbollah said it launched a swarm of attack drones at two military sites near Acre in northern Israel, and also attacked an Israeli military vehicle in another location.

The Israeli military said a number of hostile drones were identified crossing from Lebanon and one was intercepted. It said several civilians were injured to the south of the coastal city of Nahariya. Reuters TV footage showed one impact site near a bus stop on a main road outside the city.

In a statement, the Israeli military said sirens sounded around Acre, but that turned out to be a false alarm. It said its air force struck two Hezbollah facilities in south Lebanon.

Fears are rising that the Middle East could be tipped into fullblown war following vows by Hezbollah to avenge Hezbollah commander Fuad Shukr's killing, and by Iran to respond to the assassination in Tehran last week of the head of Palestinian group Hamas.

A Hezbollah source told Reuters that "the response to the assassination of commander Fuad Shukr has not yet come.'

From Banker To Spiritual Guru: How Tamil **Nadu Man Dodged CBI For 20 Years**

ew Delhi: A swindler's 20year cat-and-mouse game with the law ended after his arrest by the CBI while he was allegedly living as a spiritual guru in a Tamil Nadu village - one of the many aliases he used to dodge the law enforcement agency.

To evade the law, V Chalapathi Rao allegedly created multiple fake identities, forged new Aadhaar cards, lived in many states and took up jobs as a computer operator and a loan recovery agent.

Rao was arrested on Sunday from Narsinganallur village in Tirunelveli before he could flee yet again, this time to another country, officials said on Monday.

The CBI had registered a case on May 1, 2002 against Rao, who was then working as a computer operator in SBI, Chandulal

Biradari branch, Hyderabad on allegations that he had siphoned off 50 lakh from the bank using fabricated quotations of electronic shops and fake salary certificates created in the names of his family members and close associates, and misappropriated the proceeds of the crime.

Two chargesheets were filed

In the last 20 years, his family made an attempt to declare him dead, seven years after he went missing.

Rao, meanwhile, created an Aadhaar card in the name of one M Vineet Kumar and married again in Salem, officials said.

"His (first) wife, who is also an accused in the above fraud case, even lodged an FIR at Kamatipura Police Station dated July 10, 2004. She had also filed a petition in the

Civil Court to declare the absconding accused as dead after completion of 7 years after PO allegedly went missing. In this regard, an order/decree too was passed by the concerned Civil Court of Hyderabad," a CBI Spokesperson said.

He was later declared a proclaimed offender, the official said.

Rao's second wife told the CBI that he was in touch with his son from his first wife but before the agency could reach him, he fled to Bhopal in 2014 where worked as loan recovery agent and then shifted to Rudrapur in Uttarakhand, where he worked in a school, the CBI said in a statement.

In the ensuing cat-and-mouse game, the CBI team tracked him to Rudrapur but returned empty handed as he had fled from Uttara-

How Class 10 Student Cheated IAS Aspirants In MP

ndore: Police probing a cyber crime perpetrated on the pretext of selling "leaked" MP Civil Services Exam (Prelims) question papers were surprised when the suspect turned out to be a class 10 student. who learnt fraud skills from YouTube and wanted to splurge on expensive clothes and shoes.

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Prima facie, the student from Raiasthan decided to dupe job aspirants to earn fast buck to fulfil his expensive desires, including buying stylish clothes and shoes and eating at posh restaurants, a Indore Police officer said on Monday.

The student had also allegedly cheated on the pretext of selling the National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) paper, he said.

Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Tushar Singh said the student

from Jhunjhunu district created a channel on the social media platform Telegram. He claimed access to the preliminary round papers of the Madhya Pradesh Public Service Commission (MPPSC) examination, held on June 23, and offered them for sale at 2,500 each.

A QR code was provided on the Telegram channel for payment via UPI, Mr Singh said.

"As soon as a person made payment through this QR code in the lure of getting the state service exam papers, the student would block the mobile number of that buyer. In this method of cheating, the student cheated two to four candidates," the officer said.

The student did not possess any of the state service exam papers and falsely claimed that the paper was leaked to dupe candidates, he said.

US Woman Chained In Maharashtra **Jungle**

umbai: The 50-year-old American woman found Ltied to a tree with an iron chain in a forest in Maharashtra's Sindhudurg district has now told police she had shackled herself and no one else was involved in the incident, an official said on Monday.

The official cited the woman's mental health conditions for her act of self-harm.

The woman, said to be battling with mental health issues, appeared emaciated when a shepherd heard her cries in the forest where she was found tied to a tree with an iron chain on July 27 and alerted the local police, an incident that had caused an uproar and attracted wide media attention. She was rescued by the police and taken to hospital.

Mysterious Death Of Awantipora Man

Family Pens Open Letter to LG, DGP; Demands Justice

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SRINAGAR: The family of Aabid Manzoor Dar, whose body was recovered from the river Jhelum on July 18, has penned an open letter to Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha and Director General of Police R. R. Swain, demanding justice and a fair investigation into the case.

Aabid, son of Manzoor Ahmad Dar, a resident of Barsoo village of south Kashmir's Pulwama went missing on July 15, 2024.

"Three days later, on July 18, 2024, his lifeless body was discovered, bearing horrific torture marks that suggest foul play, ruling out the possibility of an accidental drowning," Aadil Manzoor, brother of the deceased said.

In the open letter, Aadilhighlighted the urgent need for transparency and accountability and said, "Given the circumstances of Aabid's death, it is imperative that the investigation is conducted with the utmost fairness and impartiality. The autopsy and FSL reports, which are expected soon, will likely provide more clarity on the cause of death." The family has placed their hopes in the officer investigating the case and said, "As DIG South Kashmir Javed Iqbal Mattoo Sahib is the investigating officer of this case, we hope for a thorough and unbiased inquiry."They demand an immediate identification and 'apprehension of the perpetrators of this heinous crime.' Furthermore, they seek support for Aabid's family, as he leaves behind a grieving wife and two young children—a six-year-old boy and a six-month-old baby girl. The letter referenced a recent meeting where IGP Kashmir emphasized the importance of enhancing the quality of investigations to increase the conviction rate. IGP Kashmir reiterated the J&K Police's commitment to transparency, accountability, and the swift resolution of cases to ensure timely justice and the well-being of the people. Officers briefed IGP Kashmir about the overall crime situation in the Kashmir zone, underscoring their efforts in crime prevention and improving the quality of investi-

Notably, in a statement Police had said, "Aabid, 35, a labourer, had not been seen since



the morning hours. Following the report, Awantipora Police registered a missing person report and launched an investigation."The Police, using technical analysis of Aabid's Call Detail Records (CDR), identified three individuals who had recently been in contact with him.Upon questioning, Police said, these individuals disclosed that they had been gambling by the roadside with Aabid and when a nearby police patrol approached, the group panicked and fled. "One individual mentioned crossing the river but was unaware of Aabid's whereabouts. The police also questioned boatmen on the Jhelum River and other acquaintances of Aabid, but their efforts yielded no leads. Subsequently, a State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) team was deployed. The team discovered Aabid's body near Barsoo," read the statement.

CS Reviews Promotion Of Culture, Allied Activities



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Chief Secretary, Atal Dulloo, Tuesday held a meeting of the Culture Department to take stock of its activities for promotion of culture & heritage along with its preservation and protection here in I&K.

Present in the meeting were Principal Secretary, Culture; Secretary, R&B; Executive Director, Mubarak Mandi Jammu Heritage Society (MMJHS); Director, Libraries & Research; Director, Archives, Archaeology & Museums; Representative from Academy of Art, Culture & Languages besides other concerned officers either physically or virtually through video conferencing.

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During this meeting the Chief Secretary impressed upon the officers to take every measure for protection and preservation of our valuable artefacts and historical monuments. He maintained that these depict our rich culture and heritage in the past, therefore pretty significant for the awareness of our younger generations.

He underscored the need of completing digitization of all the archival material for its preservation and easy access to all. He enjoined upon the officers to take the tendering

process to logical conclusion so that this important task is completed forthwith.

Dulloo also emphasised upon completing the ongoing works of restoration of Mubarak Mandi Heritage Complex, starting work on the drag lift there besides creating other facilities there.

He asked about the activities held by the Academy of Art, Culture and Languages across the UT. He directed for utilizing the spaces of Kala Kendra, Jammu and Tagore Hall, Srinagar more optimally for promotion of art and culture round the year.

The Chief Secretary further took note of the project for completion of balance work of SPS Museum here. He also advised for formulating a feasible DPR for Tehzeeb Mahal which could be taken up and completed in a reasonable period of time.

On this occasion the Principal Secretary, Culture, Suresh Kumar Gupta gave insights about the working of the Department and the action taken by them to implement the previous directives.

He made out that the segregation of records has almost been completed and the NIT for digitization would be floated by Director, Archives, Archaeology & Museums shortly.

Gupta further apprised the meeting that the restoration/conservation/preservation of 35 heritage sites was taken up under Phase-I of the scheme. He also gave out that under phase-II, DPRs of 126 heritage sites/shrines had been received for finalization by expert committee.

It was added that among 200 monuments iconography of 80 had been done so far. It was given out that exercises are underway to bring these monuments on tourism map in association with the Department of Tourism.

Moreover the meeting was apprised that the work on modernization of SRS Library, Jammu taken in hand at a cost of Rs 6.93 Cr is at advanced stage of completion. It was said that the work on new Library buildings including District Library Baramulla, Tehsil Library Kreeri, Tehsil Library Aishmuqam, Tehsil Library Bhaderwah and Tehsil Library Kishtwar would also be completed in this year only.

About modernization of Li-

braries, it was divulged that 1st Volume the descriptive catalogue of Persian manuscripts has been completed. While that of Arabic and Sanskrit Manuscript is currently under proof reading process.

Flyover At Sangrama To Be Ready Within Two Months

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Promising significant relief from severe traffic congestions, the much-awaited 600-metre flyover at Sangrama along National Highway-44 in north Kashmir is on track for completion within the next two months. The officials anticipate the project as a gamechanger for Baramulla and Sopore townships.

The project spearheaded by the

DC said the project work is progressing at full speed, with the final and crucial task of completing the approaches and filling underway. We expect to complete the work by September, he said.

"Its completion will enhance the direct traffic flow of Baramulla bound vehicles onto the flyover, while traffic heading towards Sopore will use the side road," he said. "This will avert the jamming and facilitate



Border Roads Organisation (BRO) and supervised by the 53 RCC is a major infrastructure initiative aimed at streamlining traffic flow and enhancing connectivity in the region, which usually remains plagued with severe traffic congestion at the vital junction.

Deputy Commissioner Baramulla, Minga Sherpa, said that the completion of the Sangrama flyover by September is going to mark a significant milestone in efforts to enhance the Srinagar-Baramulla-Uri route, as the project is going to alleviate the persistent gridlocks, hindering the movement in the region.

"The initial cost of the project was 24 crore rupees and has now been revised to 30 crores. The total length, including the approaches, is 600 metres, with the elevated portion and pillar foundations already completed," he said.

Sharing further details, the

of fruit-laden trucks travelling to and from Sopore fruit mandi." Ashraf Shabir, the project manager of Sangrama flyover, "We are going to hand over the project within one or two

He said 90 percent of the structure work has been completed and they are now focussing on the approach work. "The Baramulla side is 70 percent complete, while the Srinagar side had some issues that have been amicably resolved by the BRO and administration," Ashraf said, adding that the work on the Srinagar side will start shortly.

It's noteworthy that the commuters as well as the residents earlier were complaining of the severe gridlocks at this vital junction, demanding measures to tackle the situation for the larger interest.—(KNO)

Adipora Sopore Residents Await Potable Drinking Water For Last 15 Years

Agencies

SOPORE: The residents of Adipora Sopore in north Kashmir's Baramulla district have accused the Jal Shakti department of neglecting them by failing to provide them with a portable drinking water supply for the past 15 years.

Locals said that despite multiple grievances, the department concerned miserably failed to address their plight, leaving them without supply for years together.

They said that although the department laid pipes in the area, not a single drop of water has been seen through them till now.

"We are paying for nothing. We had government receipts (GRs), but still we are yet to get the water supply," Anwar Ahmed, a local said, adding if the department can prove they are getting

supplies through the laid pipes, they won't ever ask them for water supply.

Similarly, another woman from the village said that their lives have become hell. "In the past 12 years of my marriage, I have never seen portable water here. We have to visit relatives every Saturday and Sunday just to wash our clothes and bath our kids."

Residents have appealed to higher authorities, including the Deputy Commissioner (DC) Baramulla to look into the matter as to why they are being neglected by the Jal Shakti department.

The affected areas include Dawood Abad, Rehmat Abad, Chan Mohalla and Bismillah Colony of Adipora, a village just two kilometers away from Sopore

Assistant Executive Engineer (AEE), sub-division Watlab, Er Manzoor told

KNO that the department has already taken up measures to address the prob-

"We are aware of the water scarcity in the area, being the tail-end portion of Water Supply Scheme Zaingeer, but steps to resolve the issue have been initiated and we expect the water shortage to end within the next four months," the official said.

He said that the area is being covered by a separate line from Watlab, which is under execution under Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM).

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The official in the meantime said that the area is being fed with water tankers, once a week to mitigate the crises.

The official also urged residents to avoid using the drinking water supply for kitchen gardens or irrigation purpose to ensure adequate supply for everyone—(KNO)

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NOTIFICATION

On the basis of marks obtained by the candidates in the written tests held on 30.07.2024 for selection/engagement of the candidates as Medical Officers on academic arrangement basis under SO 364 of 2020, dated: 27.11.2020, the candidates indicated in annexure (A) to this notification have been shortlisted for document verification.

Accordingly, all the shortlisted candidates are directed to report this office on 09-08-2024 (Friday) from 9.00 AM to 4.00 PM alongwith the following certificates/testimonials in original & also bring along self attested photocopies of these documents:-

- . Hardcopy of online application form
- II. Date of Birth Certificate
- III. MBBS Degree Certificate
- V. Marks sheets of all the examinations passed by the candidate during MBBS course.
- V. NMC registration/ J&K Medical Council registration.VI. Valid Reserve Category certificate if any.
- VI. Valid Reserve Category certificate if any.

 VII. Domicile Certificate issued by the Com
- VII. Domicile Certificate issued by the Competent Authority.
- VIII. Higher qualification certificate if any
- IX. Any other relevant document.

Any candidate having objection with regard to his/ her placement / non-inclusion in the shortlist list may represent before the undersigned by or before 09.08.2024 alongwith documentary proof.

NOTE: (i). On

 Only those candidates shall be considered for final selection/engagement who fulfil all the notified eligibility parameters.

ii). Mere figuring of name in the shortlist shall not entitle a candidate for engagement which shall be subject to the scrutiny of all required testimonials.

ii) As already notified, the following procedure will be followed to break the tie in the merit obtained in the written test:-

(a) In case of tie between Post Graduate and Graduate candidates, the Post Graduate candidate(s) will be given
 (b) In case of tie between two or more Post Graduates, the candidate having secured higher percentage of aggregate marks in MBBS will be given preference.

c) In case of tie between two or more Graduate candidates, the candidate, having secured higher percentage of aggregate marks in MBBS will be given preference.

d) In case of tie remains unresolved after following the above three parameters, the candidate older in age will be given preference.

NO: GMCS/AH/2735-39 Dated: 06.08-2024. DIPK-4253-24 DT: 06/08/2024 Administrator Associated Hospitals, Govt. Medical College, Srinagar.

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ANNEXURE-A

DETAILS OF THE CANDIDATES SHORTLISTED FOR DOCUMENT VERIFICATION

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Medicare Hospital Performs Cobalt CRTD Implantation

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Medicare Hospital, Srinagar successfully implanted the first Cobalt CRTD device in the Upper North Region of India in a patient with dilated cardiomyopathy.

The Hospital in a statement said that the patient had an ejection fraction of 20%, LBBB, QRS width of 190 msec and a history of loss of consciousness. He was discharged the next day and is doing well.

The procedure was performed by interventional cardiologist Dr Syed Maqbool.

Dr. Syed Maqbool has an experience of near-

ly 500 CRTP/CRTD implants.

Pertinently, according to a research report, dilated cardiomyopathy (DCM) is the most common cause of heart failure. It is a common cardiac disease in which the heart muscle becomes weak and the pumping of the heart (EF) decreases, leading to heart failure. There are numerous underlying causes of this condition. A few common among them are idiopathic, ischemic heart disease, and viral infections. Common symptoms of this disease are shortness of breath, fatigue, swelling of body, and sometimes loss of consciousness, leading to markedly impaired quality

and sudden cardiac death.

"Few patients improve with medical therapy, but many require cardiac resynchronization therapy in the form of CRTP, CRTD, or conduction system pacing. CRTP/CRTD is like a pacemaker wherein three leads implanted into the heart through veins are connected to a generator, which is planted under the skin on the left side of the chest. This device improves pumping of the heart, symptoms, and survival and prevents cardiac sudden death." Dr Syed Mqbool said.

of life, recurrent hospitalization for heart failure,

'New Central Sector Scheme'

Rs 28,400 Cr Announced For Industrial Development In J&K

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Centre on Tuesday said that it has notified New Central Sector Scheme (NCSS) for industrial development in Jammu and Kashmir with financial outlay of Rs 28,400 crore for encouraging new investments.

In a written reply to a question in the Lok Sabha, minister of state for home affairs Nityanand Rai said that the incentives being provided under NCSS include capital investment incentive, capital interest subvention, goods & services tax linked incentive and working capital interest subvention.

He said that Jammu and Kashmir administration has taken various policy initiatives to boost the industry sector and making it as investor friendly destination

The minister said that the initiatives include J&K Industrial Policy, 2021-30, J&K Industrial Land Allotment Policy, 2021-30, J&K Private Industrial Estate Development Policy, 2021-30, Policy for Promotion of Foreign Investment in Industrial Sector in J&K. 2022. J&K Single Window Rules, 2021, Turnover Incentive Scheme, 2021, J&K Wool Processing, Handloom and Handicraft Policy, 2020, Financial Support Scheme for Cooperatives/ Self Help Groups, 2020, Credit Card Scheme for Artisans and Weavers, 2020, Kharkhandar Scheme for Development of Craft Sector in J&K, Export Subsidy Scheme, 2021, Revised Education Scheme 2022 for Artisans/Weavers of Handicrafts and Handloom Department, and J&K Start Up Policy 2024-27.

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Violent Change In Bangladesh

he dramatic ouster of Bangladesh prime minister Sheikh Hasina on Monday following 35 days of mass protests could be hoped to bring peace to the country. The protests had begun against the job quotas but soon escalated into a movement against her 15 year rule. Efforts are on to cobble together an interim government which hopefully could address the grievances of the people, especially students, who led protests against Hasina. In the fast changing situation, Bangladesh finds itself in an uncertain territory. The unruly scenes that followed Hasina's ouster were troubling. thousands of Bangladeshi protesters ransacked her palace, ransacking furniture and breaking glass.

Bangladeshi media broadcast images of the crowds descending upon the prime minister's official residence and waving to cameras. Soon the videos circulated on social media, among them one about the vandalization of the statue in Dhaka of Sheikh Mujibur Rehman - Hasina's father and former Bangladesh president. Ironically Mujibur Rehman, who is regarded as the "Father of the Nation," had led the country to its freedom in 1971 by splitting the country from what was then called Western Pakistan.

Over 300 people have died in protests in the country since July 1 when the agitation against job quotas began after a court cancelled the 2018 government notification abolishing quotas, and reinstated them. The dramatic turn of events has steered the country down an uncertain path. Hasina had been ruling the country since 2009, staying popular for the better part of her term. All through her tenure she remained a close friend of New Delhi, something that was resented by a section of public opinion in the country. But after her record fourth straight win in January this year, securing 200 seats in the 300-seat parliament, her popularity saw a steady fall, leading eventually to her unceremonious ouster.

Her exit has been a source of deep concern for India. The new government may not be so favourably disposed towards India. Also, New Delhi has a reason to worry about China's growing influence in the country. This certainly should warrant a review and readjustment of India's foreign policy. That said, we can only hope that after Hasina, Bangladeshis make the right political choices for themselves. The country needs a secular, inclusive and a progressive government which takes minorities along. This is important for the country to stay as one of the vibrant economies in South Asia. For now, however, the priority is for the restoration of peace and the formation of a representative interim government, with hopefully respected economist and Nobel laureate



Investing Needs Discipline and Insight

Did you know?

Irshad Mushtaq

In the stock market, financial losses often result from a lack of education and experience, as well as a speculative mindset. Approach investing with discipline and strategy to achieve success.

Successful stock market investing hinges on comprehensive knowledge and expertise, much like excelling in any specialized field. A primary cause of financial losses in the stock market is a lack of education and experience. Often, individuals approach investing with a speculative mindset, akin to treating it as a lottery rather than employing a disciplined, informed strategy.

Engaging in the stock market without adequate knowledge is analogous to attempting to pilot an aircraft without prior training or performing medical procedures without attending medical school. Achieving success in the stock market necessitates a strategic approach grounded in rigorous research, meticulous analysis, and a commitment to continuous learning.

Novice investors might find it advantageous to begin with mutual funds or diversified portfolios managed by professionals. These instruments mitigate risk and provide market exposure without requiring extensive stock-picking expertise. Investing in such funds enables individuals to observe market behaviors, understand the impact of economic indicators, and learn about market trends.

As investors gain familiarity with market dynamics, transitioning to individual stocks can be considered. Embracing a disciplined approach to trading is imperative, which involves establishing a clear investment strategy, adhering to it, and avoiding impulsive decisions driven by market sentiment.

Effective money management is also critical. This includes investing only what one can afford to lose, diversifying investments to spread risk, and developing a clear exit strategy. Novice investors often make the mistake of ignoring expert advice, bypassing educational opportunities, and maintaining misconceptions about stock market investments.

Patience is a fundamental aspect of successful investing. Contrary to being a quick wealth scheme, the stock market requires time to yield substantial returns. Neglecting to seek advice, follow an educational path, or practice patience can result in missed opportunities and financial setbacks.

In summary, dedication to education, disciplined investing, and effective money management are indispensable for achieving long-term success in the stock market. By adopting a thoughtful and informed approach, investors can navigate the complexities of the market and work towards realizing their financial goals.

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Waters of Promise

The Unfulfilled Potential of SHPs in Kashmir

ater, a divine gift is essential to all living beings. It plays a crucial role in daily life and industries alike. Since the industrial revolution, humanity has recognized the immense power of water and devised methods to harness its benefits.

and streamlines clearance processes to attract private investment and expedite project implementation.

These initiatives aim to boost

pany over the next decade, with IPPs allowed to produce independent power for sale. No new data is available on JAKEDA's website after January 2022. As of then, only 4 out of 25 IPPs had been commissioned. In Anantmag district, the Ichoo MHP of 5 MW has been commissioned, but the Dedibal SHP of 1.65 MW large with only 10 percent

According to the 2022 report by

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newable Energy (MNRE) offers

subsidies and Central Financial

Assistance (CFA) to support the

capital costs of SHP projects. Addi-

tionally, the government promotes

Public-Private Partnerships (PPP)



eration, and enhanced delivery of critical social services, including education and healthcare.

India has launched several initiatives to develop SHP projects, recognizing their potential for clean, renewable energy. Key measures include the National Policy for Small Hydropower Development (1999) and the Hydro Power Policy (2008), which promote SHP projects up to 25 MW with simplified clearances and financial incentives.

The Ministry of New and Re-

make it more investor-friendly.

Recently the Government

Recently, the Government of J&K enhanced JAKEDA's mandate from 2 MW to 10 MW. The objective was to create an investor-friendly environment to achieve a 1000 MW installed capacity target within the next 10 years, divided equally between Engineering, Procurement, and Construction (EPC) mode and Independent Power Producers (IPP) mode.

This initiative aimed to propel JAKEDA into a 5000-crore com-

energy goals, significant challenges remain. It is imperative for the government to address these issues with effective, original policies to unlock the true potential of hydro power in the Valley of Kashmir.

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hydropower project policy

goals of previous policies

in 2022, reiterating the

but with little concrete

progress on the ground.

The government must

policies rather than

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ones, such as the draft

policy of Solar Energy

of Uttarakhand, to fully

harness the benefits of

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Forcing Your Children to Marry Unwillingly is Un-Islamic

't is important first to understand how forced marriage differs from arranged marriage. In the latter, the families of both spouses take a leading role in arranging the marriage but the choice of whether or not to accept the arrangement remains with the young people. In forced marriage, one or both spouses do not consent to the marriage and some element of duress is involved. The force may include threats of/actual physical or sexual violence, financial abuse (e.g., the taking away of someone's wages) and/or the individual being made to feel they are bringing 'shame' on the family by refusing to marry. Sometimes the victim is unable to explain that no one was physically forcing him to do it but it was clear he had no choice? The pressure to accept was overwhelming. It is important to note that forced marriage is not sanctioned within any culture or by any religion.

Islam and Forced Marriage

Despite numerous contentions to the contrary, forced marriage is not an Islamic tradition; it is a jahiliyya custom (pre-Islamic era), rooted in indigenous cultures, that has persisted in some Muslim communities. Islam does not sanction or advocate

any form of forced marriage. Unlike secular law, marriage within the ambit of Islam is not only a civil contract but a religious and spiritual contract between two people - which must be entered into freely and with mutual consent. According to Islamic custom, parents and guardians have specific rights in this matter; to arrange the marriage ceremony and conduct it as a respectful family event; give their advice and recommendation for a life partner for their children. These rights are encapsulated within the philosophy of 'willayah'. However, Islam does not allow parents, guardians or other relatives to enforce their will or choice on a boy or a girl since it is they who are the real parties to that contract. The right to exercise free will and consent in choosing a spouse is a God given right. There are a myriad of reasons for

There are a myriad of reasons for forced marriage. In Muslim communities, misguided religious teachings and perverted interpretations of Islam lead families to believe that they are complying with Islamic ruling. Other factors may include the notion of protecting children; upholding cultural traditions; preserving family honor; social status; and building stronger families. Forced marriage

also is used to prevent so-called "unsuitable" relationships outside regional & ethnic groups.

This is also clearly evident from important commandments given by the Holy Prophet (PBUH) in numerous Hadith, which lay down the foundational principles of formulating a marriage contract.

In the Sahih Al-Bukhari, for example, a chapter in the book of marriage has been given the heading: "No father or mother or any close relation can force his/her children to marry anyone against their free will and consent".

Within this chapter Abu Hurairah transmits from the Holy Prophet (PBUH) who said: "No female whether a widow or divorcee will be forced to marry anyone unless her express and categorical consent has been freely taken and in the same way a woman not previously married can never be forced to marry anyone unless her free consent and permission is taken".

Imam Bukhari has set another chapter heading within the book of marriage: "If parents force their daughter to marry someone against her wish then the marriage will be void".

Under this chapter Imam Bukhari reports a Hadith of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) from Khansa Bint e Hizam Al Ansariyah. She states that her father married her off to someone forcefully whom she did not like. She took her case to the Holy Prophet (PBUH) and upon listening to her; the Holy Prophet (PBUH) rejected the marriage and declared the marriage as void".

In another Hadith in the Sahih of Imam Bukhari it is narrated by Abdullah Ibn Abbas (r.a.d) that the Holy Prophet (PBUH) said that if a woman wants to marry and is already a divorcee or widow, her right of free consent and free choice is superior then the right of her guardian. If she is not previously married and this is her first marriage even then her parents or other guardians cannot enforce their choice on her. They are not allowed to force her to marry anyone against her free choice and free consent.

It is thus clearly apparent that forced marriages are totally unacceptable in Islam. Islamic commandments as mentioned above are very categorical in nature. Those who invoke Islam in order to justify their actions do so for ulterior motives. There is a need to educate all and sundry on these issues.

Abid Hussain

The Double-Edged Sword of Technology

Rizwan Rumi

In the modern world, technology is a constant companion, integrated into nearly every facet of our daily lives. From smartphones and tablets to smart home devices and digital assistants, technology makes tasks more efficient and information more accessible. Yet, this ease of access can quickly become an addiction, leading us to question if our reliance on technology has gone too far. This article explores the multifaceted impact of technology on our lives, highlighting its conveniences and potential pitfalls, and proposing strategies to manage our tech dependency.

The Convenience of Technolog — A Double-Edged Sword

Technology's primary allure lies in its convenience. With just a few taps or clicks, we can connect with loved ones, shop for essentials, access breaking news, or even perform tasks that once required significant effort and time. Applications like Amazon, Facebook and Snapchat make it possible to perform these actions quickly, saving time and energy.

However, this convenience comes with a cost. Our screens often become substitutes for face-to-face interactions, and digital communication can take precedence over real-life engagements. This shift affects how we connect with others, potentially diminishing the quality of our relationships. Moreover, reliance on technology can erode our ability to perform everyday tasks independently, making us overly dependent on digital solutions for even the simplest of needs.

The Impact on Social Interactions and Relationships

Our increasing reliance on technology has transformed how we communicate. While digital platforms enable us to connect with people globally, they also create a barrier to real-world interactions. As people become engrossed in their devices, they often neglect the world around them, missing out on meaningful experiences and connections.

This phenomenon is particularly concerning within families. Parents might find themselves absorbed in screens rather than engaging with their children, potentially leading to strained relationships and missed opportunities for bonding. Furthermore, the omnipresence of technology can lead to an expectation of instant communication, fostering impatience and frustration when responses are not imme-



diate.

Productivity and Procrastination: A Delicate Balance

While technology can enhance productivity, it is also a significant source of distraction. Constant notifications and the temptation to check social media or emails can derail focus and lead to procrastination. This is especially problematic in work and academic settings, where concentration is crucial.

The paradox of technology lies in its ability to both aid and hinder productivity. Setting devices to "Do Not Disturb" mode or using apps designed to block distractions can help mitigate this issue. By consciously managing our digital interactions, we can reclaim control over our time and

The Reliability and Risks of Information

Access to information has never been easier, thanks to technology. However, the reliability of information, particularly from social media, is a growing concern. The spread of misinformation and fake news is rampant, making it imperative to discern credible sources from unreliable ones. Traditional news outlets, such as newspapers, often provide more vetted information than social media platforms.

Technology's Influence on Mental Health

The pervasive use of technology can have profound effects on mental health, contributing to anxiety and depression. Social media platforms, while connecting people, can also create pressure to maintain a certain image or lifestyle. Cyberbullying and the constant need to be online can exacerbate feelings of isolation and inadequacy. Additionally, the blue light emitted by screens can interfere with sleep patterns, further impacting mental health.

The Physical Implications of Tech De-

Physical health can also suffer from excessive technology use. Prolonged screen time is linked to eye strain and discomfort, commonly referred to as Computer Vision Syndrome. The sedentary lifestyle encouraged by digital consumption can lead to obesity and related health issues. Poor posture from device use can result in chronic neck and back pain.

Strategies for Reducing Technology De-

Given the potential drawbacks of excessive technology use, it is essential to establish a healthier balance. Here are some strategies to consider:

1. Designated Tech-Free Times: Establish specific periods during the day or week when devices are off-limits. This could be during meals, an hour before bed, or on weekends. Use this time to engage in non-digital activities like reading, exercising, or spending quality time with family.

2. Limit Screen Time: Use built-in features on devices to track and limit screen time. Setting boundaries can help ensure that technology use remains purposeful rather than habitual.

3. Engage in Offline Activities: Cultivate hobbies that don't require screens, such as gardening, playing a musical instrument, or painting. These activities foster creativity and relaxation, providing a break from digital stimulation.

4. Create Tech-Free Zones: Designate certain areas in the home as tech-free, such as bedrooms or dining areas. This encourages interaction and relaxation without digital distractions.

5. Prioritize In-Person Interactions: Whenever possible, choose face-to-face communication over digital interactions. Plan gatherings and social events that foster genuine connections.

6. Mindful Technology Use: Practice mindfulness by setting intentions before using devices. Be aware of your motivations and the impact technology has on your well-being.

7. Educational Limits for Children: For families, establish clear guidelines about technology use, including acceptable content and screen time limits. Encourage children to explore a variety of activities to ensure a well-rounded lifestyle.

The Role of Mindfulness in Technology

Mindfulness, or being fully present in the moment, can transform how we interact with technology. By consciously choosing when and how to use devices, we can develop a healthier relationship with

Practice Mindful Scrolling: Before engaging in digital activities, consider whether they serve a positive purpose or merely fill time.

Set Clear Intentions: Decide what you aim to accomplish before using a device. This focus can prevent distractions and make digital interactions more meaning-

Notice Emotional Responses: Be aware of how technology use makes you feel. If you experience stress or anxiety, take breaks to engage in activities that bring peace and joy.

Striking a Balance

Technology has undoubtedly revolutionized our lives, offering unparalleled convenience and connectivity. Yet, its potential to detract from our mental and physical health, relationships, and productivity is significant. By adopting mindful practices and setting boundaries, we can enjoy the benefits of technology while minimizing its negative effects.

As we navigate this digital age, it is crucial to remember that technology should serve as a tool to enhance our lives, not control them. By fostering a balanced relationship with technology, we can cultivate a lifestyle that embraces both the digital and physical worlds, enriching our experiences and well-being.

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The Myths About Childhood Trauma and Other Early Experiences

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¬rom the specific situations that trigger trauma to the mechanisms underlying its effects, there exists a wide range of distinguishable forms of this complex phenomenon. Some authors concentrate on naming the different types of traumatic situations (e.g., betrayal trauma, childhood trauma) while others focus on the wide range of symptoms and syndromes that can unfold as a result (e.g., complex posttraumatic stress disorder [C-PTSD], developmental trauma disorder [DTD]).

The growing list of "something trauma" now makes it very challenging to understand what each term means. Is "complex trauma" the same as C-PTSD? What exactly does "childhood trauma" encompass?

Consider that even people exposed to traumatic circumstances—even if they share the same living space and conditions-often display clear differences in how they adapted to the circumstances. This happens because, even when external factors appear similar, each of us deals with individualized internal traumatizing agents (like shame. fear, anger, rejection sensitivity, rumination, and social/familial factors) differently, which impact each one of us uniquely. Allow me to review some common myths surrounding different types of trauma to provide clarity on this important distinction:

Myth 1: Developmental trauma is the same as childhood trauma. Developmental trauma (DT) is often mistakenly equated with childhood trauma (CHT), but they represent distinct concepts. DT specifically denotes exposure to prolonged stress or trau-



matic adversity during the early formative years, which may disrupt a child's cognitive, emotional, social, and/or physical development. This can include experiences such as domestic violence, neglect, abuse, or unstable living environments. In contrast, CHT encompasses a broader range of adverse experiences occurring during childhood, which can have lasting psychological, emotional,

and physical effects. These experiences may range from one-time events like a car crash or the death of a pet to chronic stressors that persist throughout childhood, potentially causing developmental delays. It's important not to use CHT to label every aspect of an imperfect childhood. Remember that the exposure alone doesn't constitute trauma unless there are lasting consequences. As you can

see in this illustration, DT is a subset of CHT.

Myth 2: Relational trauma, complex trauma, and attachment trauma are synonymous. These three terms refer to distinct experiences, with some overlapping. Relational trauma emphasizes the impact of harmful relationships (romantic, professional, familial. or social) on an individual's well-being at any age. Complex trauma underscores the effects of prolonged exposure to traumatic events at any age, encompassing a range of experiences beyond solely relational. Attachment trauma specifically concerns disruptions in early attachment relationships, occurring at birth and during the first few vears of life, with caregivers and their enduring consequences.

Myth 3: Developmental trauma and DTD are the same. Here is a good place to clarify a big mistake most people make: There is a difference between terms that refer to the exposure to traumatic events versus the consequences of that exposure as a lasting set of symptoms. Developmental trauma refers to the exposure to experiences of prolonged stress or traumatic adversity during early formative years, typically encompassing the period from birth to early adulthood. These experiences can disrupt a child's cognitive, emotional, social, and physical development, leading to lasting effects on their well-being.

On the other hand, DTD refers to the consequences. This particular name is a proposed diagnosis in the field of psychiatry. It has been suggested to bring attention to the profound and pervasive impact of developmental trauma on an individual's functioning.

Myth 4: Developmental trauma's damage is irreparable. Trauma leaves its mark, but it does not break us irreparably. The way our system is designed causes us to get wounded when we are not able to emotionally handle some stressors or threats, but, like with a broken bone, our bodies have the remarkable ability to heal and become strong again. Scars from traumatic injuries may not disappear—the way scars also stay in our skin after a physical hurt—but we could see them as a life fully lived and also as proofs of our strength and resilience, not just the struggles we faced. This is where the mind needs to become our healing ally. In the aftermath of trauma, our scars may help us reevaluate priorities and gain a deeper appreciation for life.

Myth 5: Intergenerational trauma is unavoidable for those whose grandparents were traumatized. Intergenerational trauma has gained recognition as a term used to describe the effects of trauma transmitted from one generation to the next, often observed in families where ancestors have faced significant adversity or traumatic circumstances such as genocides, racism, and oppression. While epigenetic studies have shown that the effects of traumatization can reverberate through family systems, it is a misconception to believe that intergenerational trauma is inevitable for all descendants of traumatized individuals. These findings indicate that descendants may be prone to developing symptoms even without extreme exposure, but this does not mean they are destined to develop a disorder or that they cannot heal.

> The article was originally published by Psychology Today

Losing Just 1 Hour Of Sleep At Night May Be Harmful To Health

osing just an hour of sleep at night may be harmful to health and lead to problems with memory and focus, according

The human body requires an optimum sleep duration of 7-8 hours per night

But when people do not get adequate sleep, "it results in various problems, such as poor attention,

focus, concentration and memory," said Dr Sudhir Kumar from Indraprastha Apollo Hospitals, Hyderabad, in a post on X.

"Losing just one hour of sleep

could take up to four days of time to recover," he added. He noted that poor sleep also increases the risk of headaches, anxi-

ety and stress People deprived of sleep are more likely to make "poor decisions. and have driving errors, leading to more vehicle crashes"

In addition, "sleep deprivation is associated with higher risk of diabetes, hypertension, obesity, heart attack, stroke, depression, dementia, erectile dysfunction and infections," the neurologist said.

While ensuring "a regular sleep schedule and sleeping for 7-8 hours every night," is essential for good health, the doctor stated "oversleeping (more than 9



hours) is also unhealthy".

In an earlier post, the expert noted that sleep duration and a consistent sleep schedule can help "lower the risk of insulin resistance, prediabetes, and type 2 diabetes". Good sleep is also essential for boosting good cholesterol levels.

Good sleep can also be key to keeping mental health disorders like schizophrenia, depression and stress at bay

PUBLIC NOTICE

I have applied for the issuance of Discharge certificate if anybody has any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Govt boys middle school Khisipora within a neriod of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertained.

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Microplastics Are Everywhere, But Are They Harming Us?

Associated Press

icroplastics have been found in the ocean and the air, in our food and water. They have been found in a wide range of body tissues, including the heart, liver, kidneys and even testicles

But are they actually harming

Evidence suggests they might, but it's limited in scope. Some researchers are worried, but acknowledge there are lots of unanswered questions.

Dr. Marva Zlatnik, a San Francisco-based obstetrician who has studied environmental toxins and pregnancy, has seen studies raising concerns about microplastics' impact on the health of babies and adults.

But it's a young research field, and it's not something she generally discusses with patients.

"I'm not entirely sure what to say yet," Zlatnik said. Here's a look at what's known so far:

WHAT ARE MICROPLASTICS? Plastics are man-made materials — many of them derived from oil or other petroleum products. They can break down into smaller particles, through exposure to heat and

weather and even animal digestion. Researchers have increasingly been interested in microplastics,

which can be as wide as a pencil eraser or as small as a fraction of the width of a human hair. Nanoplastics, another area of study, are even smaller.

These minuscule plastics have been detected in air, water and soil, in milk, and in bottled and tap drinking water. They also have been found in a variety of foods, including salt, sugar, honey, rice and seafood.

Most likely yes.

There is scientific debate about how much people inhale and ingest, and it can vary on what they eat and drink and where they live, researchers say

Some Australian researchers, on behalf of the World Wildlife Fund, calculated in 2019 that many people each week consume roughly 5 grams of plastic from common food and beverages — the equivalent of a credit card. That estimate is not universally embraced by researchers, but is commonly mentioned in news articles.

Researchers are still trying to understand exposure levels, but study after study is finding signs of plastics in body tissues.

"Microplastics have been measured in pretty much all of the body tissues that have been evaluated. said Tracey Woodruff, a University of California at San Francisco researcher. Scientists have even reported finding them in the penis, in ovaries and in placentas.

WILL MICROPLASTICS HURT

That's still being sorted out.

A 2022 World Health Organization report concluded there was no clear risk to human health, based on the available evidence.

There's also not an obvious signal of widespread public health impact, at least in terms of mortality. Cancer, heart disease and stroke death rates have been falling, not

But researchers only started measuring plastics in the human body — and trying to assess the health effects — in recent years. Some of that work is only coming to fruition now.

It makes sense that microplastics are harmful because they contain toxic chemicals, said Woodruff, who was part of a team that reviewed nearly 2,000 studies about microplastics at the request of California legislators. It may be, for example, that microplastics play a role in rising occurrences of some cancers in younger people, she said.

Available information indicates plastics can spark inflammation and cause other problematic changes in the body that can, for example, raise the risk of heart attack and stroke.

Government of Jammu and Kashmir Department of Wildlife Protection Office of the Wildlife Warden Wetland Division

Hokersar, Srinagar. **AUCTION NOTICE**

(Please read the auction document carefully)

"Restoring Critically Silted Areas & Enhancing Water Holding Capacity for Conservation of Hokersar WLCR by way of De-silting and removal of silt from identified spots and disposal of such material outside periphery of Hokersar WLR and its zone of influence'

> E-NIT No. 02 OF 2024-25 Dated: 03/08/2024

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K Union Territory, Auction for "Restoring Critically Silted Areas & Enhancing Water Holding Capacity for Conservation of Hokersar WLCR by way of De-silting and removal of silt from identified spots and disposal of such material outside periphery of Hokersar WLR and its zone of influence" as per the approved Integrated Management Action Plan (IMAP) 2022-27 is notified/called through this online medium, in this behalf, the tenders/bids (in two cover system) are invited from the Registered Contractors of trade enlisted on JKPWDOMS, having valid license duly renewed as on date. The minimum Reserve Bid value per CUM (excluding taxes) is as per the rates presently in vogue conveyed by the Executive Engineer, I&FC Department, Flood Spill Channel Division, Narbal, Budgam vide letter No: FSCDN/LS/5770 Dated: 22-09-2022 and aggregates approximately to the amount indicate against each

oN S	Range	Name of Work	Geo Location	Unit	Advertised Area in HAC	Estimated Quantity in CUM	Minimum Salvage Value per CUM	Minimum consideration amount to be offered by the contractor in Rupees (INR)	Tender Document Fee in INR	CDR in INR	Time of Completion of work in Days	Class of Contractor	
1	Lakes	Left out areas of Hokersar WLCR at Zainakoot Side	As per Cross Sections of Survey Report	CUM	60 (Approx)	577972	Rs 44/-	25430768/-	25430 /-	2% (two percent) of Advertised Cost at the time of submission of Bid / Tenders online & 3% (three percent) Performance Security of the comparative Cost (H/I) to be submitted within 3 (three) days from the date of opening of Financial Bids by successful bidder only pledged to Wildlife Warden Wetlands Division Srinagar.	18 Month	AAY	

Office of the Executive Engineer PMGSY (JKRRDA) Division Uri

NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, Executive Engineer PMGSY Division Uri invite e-tenders on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Union Territory of J&K, CPWD, Railways, MES and other State/Central Governments for each of the following works:-

Permanent restoration of road from NH to Ga-99.98 1600.00 2.00 45 days A	S.No	Name of work	Cost of Tend ment. (In Rup		Earnest Money (Bid secu- rity) Lakhs	 Class of tractor	Con-
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M.H-5054, Sub Head-2181

1. The important dates and time are as under: Date of issue of tender notice 05-08-2024

Period of downloading of bidding documents
Bid submission start date 06-0224 from 10:00 AM

05-08-2024 05:00 PM to 1208-2024 10:00 AM Bid submission end date 12-08-2024 till 12:00 PM

4. Bio submission ento date 12-06-2024 util 12:00 PM
5. Date & time of opening of Bids (Online) 12-08-2024 at 03:30 PM
1. Cost of Bid Form (non-refundable) should be submitted only in form of e-challan/treasury challan/receipt favoring Executive Engineer PMGSY Division Uri by crediting the requisite

charges to MH 0059 (Revenue).

2. Availability of Bid Document and mode of submission: The bid documents are available online and bids should be submitted online on website www.pmgsytendersjk.gov.in. The bidders are required to register in the website which is free of cost. For submission of bids, the bidder is required to have valid Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) from one of the authorized Certifying Authorities (CA). "Aspiring bidders who have not obtained the user ID and password for participating in e-tendering in PMGSY may obtain the same from the website: www. progressing the valid digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the valid digital signature is mandatory to participate in the e-tendering. Bidders already possessing the valid digital signature issued from authorized CAs can use the same in this tender.

3. Bids must be uploaded along with Scanned copy of cost of Tender Document as mentioned in column 4 in shape of e-challan/treasury challan to MH 0059-PWD (Revenue) and scanned copy of Bid Security/Earnest Money both favouring Executive Engineer PMGSY Division Uri. The bid security/earnest money in the form of CDR/FDR/BG shall be valid for a period not less than 120 days after the deadline date for bid submission.

4. The original documents, viz, the cost of tender document, Bid Security submitted by L1 should be same as uploaded online (scanned copies) otherwise the allotment will not be issued

The tenders will be cancelled and the bidder will not be allowed to Participate in any further/future tendering process in PMGSY for a period of one year 5. Only online submission of bids is permitted, therefore; bids must be submitted online on website www.pmgsvtendersjk.gov.in.

6. The bids for the work shall remain valid for acceptance for a period not less than 120 days after the deadline date for bid submission 10. The bids of such bidders shall be out rightly rejected whose record of performance is poor such as abandoning the works, not properly completing the contract, inordinate delays in completion, litigation history or financial failure etc. 11. Any damage caused to the private/public property during execution of works shall be the liability of the contractor and no claim on account of any such restoration to be carried or

disposal of mulba / excavated earth to the suitable dumping spot by the contractor shall not be entertained by the department.

13. The Bidder shall quote Percentage rates for the items excluding of GST (18%). The GST of 18% will be added while fixing of contract with the first-lowest (L1) bidde 14. The Employer shall not be held responsible for any delay due to system failure beyond its control. Even though the system will attempt to notify the bidders of any bid updates, the

Employer shall not be responsible for any information not received by the bidder. It is the bidder's responsibility to visit the website for the latest information related to the tender 15. No Engineer of Gazetted rank or other Gazetted officer employed in Engineering or Administrative duties in an Engineering Department of the State Government is allowed to v and a person of the Government. This contract is liable to be cancelled if either the or any of his employee is found any time to be such a person who had not obtained the permission of the Government as aforesaid before submission of the tender or engage Contractor's Service. a Contractor for a period of two years after his retirement from Government service, without permission of the Government. This contract is liable to be cancelled if either the contractor 16. The Performance Security (including additional performance security for unbalanced bids) shall be provided to the employer not later than the date specified in the Letter of Ac-

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The Performance Security (including additional performance security for unbalanced bids) shall be provided to the employer not later than the dates pacified in the Letter of Acceptance. shall be issued in an amount and form and by a bank or surety acceptable to the employer, and denominated in Indian Rupees, failing which the earnest money of the bidder shall be forfeited without giving any notice. The performance Security shall be valid until a date 28 days from the date of expiry of Defects Liability Period and the additional performance security for unbalanced bids shall be valid until a date 28 days from the date of expiry of Defects Liability Period and the additional performance security for unbalanced bids shall be valid until a date 28 days from the date of expired the completion.

The successful bidder will have to provide performance security @5% in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG at the time of contract award. The earnest money/bid security of 2% will be released to the successful bidder only after the submission of a performance security of 5% of the total cost, which will be released after successful completion of the DLP. If in any case bid of the bidder is unbalanced, the successful bidder L1 shall have to deposit an additional performance security in the shape of CDR/FDR/BG before award of contract for

S.No	Percentage of unbalanced bid viz-a-viz Adv.cost Additional performance security to be deposited on quoted bid by L1	
1	Uptoandincludingl 5 % below	Nil
2	>15% uptoandincluding20 % below	5%
3	>20% uptoandincluding25 % below	10%
4	>25% uptoandincluding30 % below	15%
5	>30%below	20%

17. Bidders are advised to scan their documents on 100 dpi with Black and White option

18. Bidders are advised to download Bid Submission manual for the help of Bid Submission process from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on home page of 19. Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantity) contents or its name. In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded fron

the site should be used for filling the rates and it should be saved with same name.

20. Presently, scrutiny of the Technical Bid is being done after opening of Technical Bid. Hence, system generated e-mails confirming acceptance of bid are to be ignored. 21. However, the firms have option to submit the supporting documents as required to be submitted along with Technical Bid, either in online mode along with their Technical Bids or in off-line mode in physical form to the office of Executive Engineer PMGSY Division Uri. In case supporting documents are to be submitted offline in physical form, then it should be so specified in their Technical Bids & the supporting documents must be deposited in the office of the Executive Engineer PMGSY Division Uri after date & time of opening of tenders by

22. Site Visit-The Bidder, at his own cost, responsibility and risk is encouraged to visit, examine and familiarize himself with the site of works and its surroundings including source of earth, water, road aggregates etc. and obtain all information that may be necessary for preparing the Bid and entering into a contract for construction of the works. The costs of visiting the site shall be at the Bidder's own expense. He may contact the Executive Engineer in charge of work for any guidance relating to site visit.

23. Bidding documents can be downloaded against the payment of as specified in the NIT.

24. The bidder is expected to examine carefully all instructions, conditions of contract, terms and specifications, bill of quantities, drawings in the Bid Document, Failure to comply with the requirements of Bidding Documents shall be at the bidder's own risk. Bids which are not substantially responsive to the requirements of the Bidding Documents, shall be rejected.

25. Clarification of Bidding Documents-A prospective bidder requiring any clarification of the bidding documents may notify the Employer in writing or by Facsimile (Fax) at the Employer's address indicated in the Notice Inviting Tenders. The Employer will respond to any request for clarification received earlier than 05 days prior to the deadline for submission of bids. Copies of the employer's response will be forwarded to all purchasers of the bidding documents, including a description of the inquiry, but without identifying its source.

26. Amendment of Bidding Documents-Before the deadline for submission of bids the Employer may modify the bidding documents by issuing addenda.

27. To give prospective bidders reasonable time to take an addendum into account, in preparing their bids the Employer shall extend, as necessary, the deadline for submission of bids.

29. DOCUMENTS COMPRISING THE BID-The bid submitted by the Bidder in electronic form shall be in two separate parts:

No: EE/PMGSY / Uri/ 1306-10 DIPK-4200/24 Dated:- 06/08/2024 Executive Enginee PMGSY Division Ur

1. All the interested bidders on publication of this auction notice are requested / advised to download and read thoroughly the bidding document attached with this Auction Notice before submission of bids (bid submission shall be deemed as acceptance of all terms and condition in vogue amended till date). All the interested bidders on publication of this auction notice must inspect / visit the areas / plots to be auctioned on any working day between office hours (submission of bid shall be deemed as concurrence of physical visit/inspection of sites).

The bidder must perform a thorough verification / assessment of the quantities advertised to ensure outturn. The bidder must submit an undertaking on Letter Head certifying / agreeing with the outturn of the quantity advertised

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The successful bidder shall necessarily have to deposit 75% of the final bid amount (H/I) within seven (07) days and the balance amount within next fifteen (15) days time from the date of opening of financial bids, failing which, CDR/Performance Security and any payments made shall be forfeited, the contractors registration card shall be recommended for BLACKLISTING under rule, besides, Re-Auctioning of the spot at risk, cost and responsibility of the bidder.

5. All the interested bidders are required to submit an AFFIDAVIT duly certified by First Class Magistrate stating NO DEFAULT of payment in similar nature Auc-

tions during last three years and authorize this Division/Department to check the Bank Account balance and details of the bidder, besides, guarantee the completion of work within eighteen months working time only. No disproportionate excavations shall be allowed in terms of depth and no alternate site shall be allowed for meeting any shortfall The bidder must provide Completion Certificates or No Objection Certificates (NOC) to substantiate the completion of similar nature of work. These certificates must be issued by a competent authority not below the rank of Executive Engineer or equivalent. The certificates must clearly indicate the scope of work, the quantity ex-

ecuted, and the duration of the project. All the Bids must be mandatorily accompanied by BANK SOLVANCE / GURANTEE CERTIFICATE issued by the Bank in the name of bidder for the minimum reserved auction bid amount as indicated in the Auction/Tender Document / Bidding Document.

8. All the Bids must mandatorily be accompanied by a list of successful auctions participated during last three (03) years, wherein, the bidder was declared Highest First (H/1) with the details of auction amount and payments made on Letter Head duly stamped and signed by the bidder. (non submission will result in outright rejection Submission of bid without the above supporting documents in addition to other required criteria shall be rejected out rightly unless Tender Opening Committee

decides to accept any document, wherein, reasons cited are acceptable to the Committee The rates quoted should be covered with transparent tape. Corrections, if any, should be authenticated by signature. The successful bidder highest first (H/1) shall have to submit the CDR/PS in original after opening of financial bids (before any consent is issued in his favour)

and pay GST/TAX/Royalty if any, applicable and if admissible under rules within due dates. The tender opening committee / auction committee of this Department reserves the right to accept / reject the bids without assigning any reason thereof and no communication shall be entertained in this regard.

13. The successful bidder shall himself be responsible for watch and ward of the material owned by him. No assistance of any sort shall be offered by Department before, during or after the execution of work. The contractor will not be allowed to sublet work to any other agency 14. The bid shall include complete removal of out turns and other waste / peats if any, obtained from site, excavation and removal, transportation must be done by skilled / experienced workforce within specified time period under the supervision of Supervising Officer / Range Officer concerned / Junior Engineer or Consultant Agency

engaged by the Department and no relaxation shall be given with regard to time of completion unless there is an extra ordinary reason and same shall be accepted by tende opening committee, due penalty shall be imposed upto 10% of total bid amount, in case of default or non compliance of the Terms and Conditions. Other terms and condition, if any, shall be governed by and as envisaged in the similar nature of works advertised by the Irrigation & Flood Control Department Kashmir or any other relevant Government Department. 16. All the Rules, Acts and Notifications of Forest, Environment and Wildlife shall be strictly followed during execution of work and removal of excavated material. Damage caused to any surrounding infrastructure or property shall be sole responsibility of successful bidder (H/1) and the successful bidder (H/1) shall be liable to pay the

No unforeseen charges what so ever on account of dewatering, construction of diversion bund, ramps, roads required during execution shall be entertained The offered rates shall be inclusive of all such unforeseen charges.

18. The successful bidder must establish a robust project monitoring and reporting mechanism, regular progress reports must be submitted to the Division attested by the Range Officer concerned detailing work completed, challenges faced, and corrective actions taken to ensures transparency and timely intervention if any, required.

The Bidding Document enclosed with this Auction Notice is a necessary part of the eNIT.

Hard copy of all the documents uploaded at the time of submission of tenders should be submitted in the Divisional office within three (03) days from the date of opening of Technical Bids without fail along with the copy of valid GST Registration / Latest Return, PAN Card and other relevant documents duly renewed.

a) All bidders intending to participate in this Auction are advised to inspect the location and nature of works or contact the O/o Wildlife Warden, Wetlands Division

Srinagar in case of any clarification before participating in the tender.
b) Bids must be accompanied by the Tender Documents Fee of necessary Treasury Challan / Receipt in shape of Government Treasury Challan under Account Head :0406-Forestry and Wildlife in favour of Wildlife Warden Wetlands Division, Srinagar and Earnest Money in shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Wildlife Warden Wetlands Division, Srinagar in accordance with the circular issued by the Finance Department. The date of remittance of tender document fee and the CDR must be between Bid Submission Start Date and Bid Submission End Date, falling which the bid shall be deemed void and rejected out rightly.
c) The consent / allotment for excavation / removal of excavated material shall be made strictly & only within or as per the approved bid (H/1), GST if any ap-

m plicable shall be charged at m the time of issuance and shall be valid for the current financial year only. Providing of Aadhaar Card and Contact Number is mandatory.

1. The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, bill of quantities, (B.O.Q), set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen /downloaded from the website https://jktenders.gov.in as per the schedule of dates given below: Date of issue of Tender Notice 03/08/2024

l	2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	05/08/2024 to 26/08/2024	
l	3.	Pre Bid Meeting	From 10 AM to 4 PM on 08/08/2024	
l	4.	Bid submission start date	05/08/2024 from 06:00 PM	
l	5.	Bid submission End date	26/08/2024 upto 06:00 PM	
l	6.	Date & time of opening of technical bids (online)	27/08/2024 at 03:00 PM	
l	7.	Date & time of opening of financial bids (online)	To be notified after technical bid evaluation	
	2.	A pre-bid meeting will be held to clarify issues and to	answer questions on any matter that may be raised at tha	t stage by the contractors/bidders.

Bids must be accompanied by the Tender Documents Fee of necessary Treasury Challan / Receipt in shape of Government Treasury Challan under Account Head : 0406-Forestry and Wildlife in favour of Wildlife Warden Wetlands Division, Srinagar and Earnest Money in shape of CDR/FDR pledged to Wildlife Warden Wetlands Division, Srinagar in accordance with the circular issued by the Finance Department. The date of remittance of tender document fee and the issuing date of CDR/FDR uploaded with the bid must be between Bid Submission Start Date and Bid Submission End Date, failing which the bid shall be deemed void and rejected out rightly. The date and time of opening of technical bids shall be notified on website https://jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e

mail address. The financial bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online on same website in the office of Regional Wildlife Warden Kashmir Region. (Tender receiving authority)

The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of bids (The Bid Validity period is subject to production of documents,

Hard Copy within three working days from the date of opening of tenders).

No. WLW(WL)/Acctts/2024-25/126-2935 DIPK-4208/24 Date: 06/08/ Date: 06/08/2024

amount due on account of such damage, if any, caused

--Sd/-Wildlife Warden Wetland Division Srinagar

D-Street Investors' Wealth Erodes By Rs 22 Lakh Crore In Three Days Of Market Crash

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Investors' wealth eroded by a whopping Rs 22 lakh crore in three days of market slump with the BSE benchmark Sensex tanking 4

In three days, the Sensex tumbled 3,274.48 points or 3.99 per cent. The massive correction came after the benchmark index hit its all-time high of 82,129.49 on August 1.

Market capitalisation BSE-listed firms tumbled Rs 22,02,996.27 crore to reach Rs 4,39,59,953.56 crore (USD 5.24

trillion) in three trading days. On Monday, the Sensex plummeted 2,222.55 points or 2.74 per cent to settle at 78,759.40. During the day, it tanked 2,686.09 points or 3.31 per cent to 78,295.86.

The benchmark 166.33 points or 0.21 per cent lower at 78,593.07 on Tuesday even after surging 1,092.68 points or 1.38 per cent in intra-

"Negative sentiment continued to prevail in the US and European equities which weighed on local markets as indices fell sharply towards the close on profit-taking in banking, telecom and auto shares. After surging over 1,000 points in early trade, markets steadily erased gains and slipped into the red," Prashanth Tapse, Senior VP (Research), Mehta Eq-

A sharp plunge in Japanese and other global markets on



Monday played havoc at the Dalal Street. Also, weak jobs data caused panic among investors of a possible recession in the US market.

Following the sharp decline in equities on Monday, the market capitalisation of BSE-listed firms dropped by Rs 15,32,796.1 crore to Rs 4,41,84,150.03 crore (USD 5.27 trillion).

"The domestic market tried to rebound mirroring the Asian markets. However, momentum was short-lived and closed below the threshold level of 24,000. Investors are watching the appreciating Yen, weak US economic data, and rising geopolitical tensions," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research, Geojit Financial Services.

On Tuesday, in the broader market, the BSE midcap gauge declined 0.71 per cent and smallcap index went lower by 0.57 per cent.

Among the indices, telecommunication dropped 1.15 per cent, financial services fell 1.03 per cent, consumer durables 0.92 per cent, bankex 0.76 per cent and consumer discretionary 0.48 per cent.

Electric Vehicle Sales Rose 55.2 Pc To 1.79 Lakh Units In July: FADA



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MUMBAI: Electric vehicle sales registered a 55.2 per cent onyear growth at 1,79,038 units in July driven by a massive 96 per cent jump in e-two-wheeler sales, automobile dealers' body FADA said on Tuesday. The total electric vehicles sales

for July 2023 were at 1,16,221 units, according to the monthly sales data from Federation of Automobile Dealers' Association (FADA)

The electric two-wheelers sales during the previous month stood at 1,07,016 units, up 95.94 per cent, from 54,616 units sold in July last year, while the electric threewheeler sales grew 18.18 per cent at 63,667 units, from 58,873 units year earlier, as per FADA.

The commercial vehicle sales during the reporting month was also on an upward trajectory, growing two-fold on a year-onyear basis to 816 units, from 364 commercial vehicles sold in July 2023, it stated.

Passenger vehicles, however, declined 2.92 per cent at 7,541

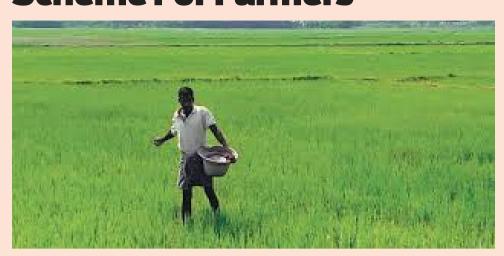
units in July, as against 7,768 units in the same month of last year, as per data.

"The rising market share in the 2W and 3W EV segments for July 2024, with YoY growth rates of 95.94 per cent and 18.18 per cent respectively, and a market share of 7.4 per cent and 57.6 per cent, respectively for the month, is a clear indication of the growing acceptance and demand for electric vehicles in India," FADA President Manish Rai Singhania said.

The PV segment, while showing a marginal year-on-year decline of 2.92 per cent, maintains a market share of 2.4 per cent, Singhania said, adding that the CV segment has shown remarkable growth with a year-on-year increase of 124.2 per cent and a current (July) market share of 1.02 per cent.

The combination of attractive discounts and the anticipation of the discontinuation of the EMPS (Electric Mobility Promotion Scheme), despite its extension, has significantly boosted sales,

Govt Approves Continuation Of Interest Subvention Scheme For Farmers



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MUMBAI: The government has approved the continuation of interest subvention scheme for short-term loans of up to Rs 3 lakh for agriculture and allied activities availed through Kisan Credit Card (KCC) during the current financial year.

Under the scheme, farmers get loan at a concessional interest rate of 7 per cent. An additional interest subvention of 3 per cent per annum is provided to farmers who repay loans in

"This also implies that the farmers repaying promptly as above would get short-term crop loans and/or short term loans for allied activities including animal husbandry, dairy, fisheries, bee keeping etc. @ 4 per cent per annum during financial year 2024-25," the RBI said.

In a circular, the Reserve Bank said the rate of interest subvention to lending institutions will be 1.5 per cent for

"This also implies that the farmers repaying promptly as above would get short-term crop loans and/or short term loans for allied activities including animal husbandry. dairy, fisheries, bee keeping etc. @ 4 per cent per annum during financial year 2024-25," the RBI said.

"The limit for crop loan component will take priority for interest subvention and prompt repayment incentive benefits and the residual amount will be considered towards allied activities including animal husbandry, dairy, fisheries, bee keeping, etc.,'

In order to discourage distress sale by farmers and to encourage them to store their produce in warehouses, the benefit of interest subvention under KCC will be available to small and marginal farmers for a further period of up to six months post the harvest of the crop.

To provide relief to farmers affected by natural calamities, the applicable rate of interest subvention for that year will be made available to banks for the first year on the restructured loan amount, the RBI circular said.

Such restructured loans will attract normal rate of interest from the second year onwards.

To ensure hassle-free benefits to farmers under the Modified Interest Subvention Scheme (MISS), Aadhaar linkage would continue to be mandatory for availing the above-mentioned short-term

Banks Write Off Loans Worth Rs 9.90 Lakh Cr In Last 5 **Financial Years**

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NEW DELHI: Banks have written off loans worth Rs 9.90 lakh crore in the last five financial years, Parliament was informed on Tuesday. During 2023-24, banks loan write off was at Rs 1.70 lakh crore, as against Rs 2.08 lakh crore in the previous fiscal, Minister of State for Finance Pankaj Chaudhary said in a written reply in the Rajya Sabha.

Write-off was highest at Rs 2.34 lakh crore during 2019-20, which came down to Rs 2.02 lakh crore in the following year and to Rs 1.74 lakh crore in 2021-22.

As per the RBI guidelines and policy approved by banks' boards, NPAs, including those in respect of which full provisioning has been made on completion of four years, are removed from the balancesheet of the bank concerned by way of write-off, he said.

"Banks evaluate/consider the impact of write-offs as part of their regular exercise to clean up their balance-sheet, avail tax benefit and optimise capital, in accordance with the said guidelines and policies of the respective boards," he said in a reply to a question asked by Congress member Randeep Singh Surjewala.

Such write-off does not result in waiver of liabilities of borrowers to repay and there-



fore, write-off does not benefit

the borrowers, he said. The borrowers of written-off loans continue to be liable for repayment and banks continue to pursue recovery actions initiated in written-off accounts through various recovery mechanisms available to them, he added.

Against Rs 9.9 lakh crore write-off, recovery was to the tune of Rs 1.84 lakh crore, or just 18 per cent of total writeoff during the last 5 years.

As per the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) data, he said, gross NPAs (GNPA) of Scheduled Commercial Banks (SCBs) was Rs 8.96.082 crore (GNPA ratio of 8.21 per cent) as on March 31, 2020, Rs 8,35,051 crore (GNPA ratio of 7.33 per cent) as on March 31, 2021, Rs 7,42,397 crore (GNPA ratio of 5.82 per cent) as on March 31, 2022.

It further came down to Rs 5,71,544 crore (GNPA ratio of 3.87 per cent) as on March 31, 2023 and to Rs 4,80,687 crore (GNPA ratio of 2.75 per cent) as on March 31, 2024 (provisional data).

It indicates that gross NPAs in SCBs have been declining over the past five years, he added.

Ten Foreign Airlines Get GST Demands Worth Rs 10k Cr

IATA Says Matter Risks India's Aviation Potential



Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: With 10 foreign carriers facing GST demands worth over Rs 10,000 crore, global airlines' grouping IATA on Tuesday urged the government to resolve the issue and said the matter can dampen and risk the country's strong aviation potential.

The International Air Transport Association (IATA) represents more than 330 airlines, including Indian carriers, and its members account for more than 80 per cent of the global air traffic. Show cause notices for GST demands worth over Rs 10,000 crore have been issued to ten foreign carriers operating to India, sources said.

Urging the government to resolve the matter, IATA said it is disappointed that the Directorate General of GST Intelligence (DGGI) has proceeded to issue show cause notices to some foreign airlines operating to India despite a number of representations made by the industry on this matter.

"DGGI's assertion that GST should apply to expenses incurred by the headquarters of foreign airlines (with a branch office in India) in the course of providing air transport services is flawed. It does not take into consideration the nature and conventions involved in the provision of international air transport," Xie Xingquan, IATA's Regional Vice President for North Asia and Asia Pacific (ad interim), said in a statement.

He also said India is alone in its approach and that nowhere else around the world is this practised. "Indian carriers operating to destinations outside India do not face similar situations or demand," he added. As many as 10 foreign airlines are under the scanner of DGGI and the carriers received notices since October 2023.

IATA had also submitted a detailed representation to the Indian government on the matter.

The international nature of air transport necessitates a clear and consistent policy framework globally. IATA continues to work closely with the government of India on this subject. IATA has also urged the government to urgently help resolve this matter, which can dampen and risk India's strong aviation potential," Xie Xingquan said.

India Stands Out On Growth And External Fronts Amongst South Asian Economies: S&P

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI- S&P Global Ratings on Tuesday said India stands out both on growth and external fronts amongst the South Asian countries, and the trajectory of government's fiscal deficit will decide on the direction of sover-

S&P Director, Sovereign on growth and external fronts. and International Public Fi nance Ratings (Asia-Pacific), Andrew Wood said the rating agency sees a lot of promise in India's economic growth story even though the global economic growth outlook remains somewhat challenging.

"We could raise the rating if India's fiscal deficit narrows meaningfully such that change in net general government deficit falls below 7 per cent of GDP on a structural basis." Wood said at a webinar on Asia-Pacific.

He said in the geography of South Asia, India stands out both



ndia is a net external creditor economy which is a core support for its investment grade rating. We see a lot of promise in India's economic growth story even in a somewhat challenging global economic growth outlook,'

Wood added. The Budget for 2024-25 has announced targeting a central government fiscal deficit of 4.9 per cent of GDP in the current fiscal, lower than 5.1 per cent targeted earlier.

"This is good news at the margin but combined with local government deficit, gener-

al government deficit is likely to remain above 7 per cen GDP at least for current fiscal. So the trajectory for this metrics over the next few years will remain an important one for the directionality of In-

dia's ratings," Wood said. In May, S&P Global Ratings had upped India's sovereign rating outlook to positive from stable on robust growth prospects for next three years and public spending, and raised hopes for an upgrade in two years provided the government continues reforms and policies to keep fiscal deficit under check.

'Different Projects Under HADP Have Been Implemented In Most Comprehensive Manner'

Observer News Service SRINAGAR: The Chairman Apex

Committee for Holistic Agriculture Development Programme (HADP) and former DG ICAR, Dr Mangla Rai Tuesday visited different areas of South Kashmir including Pulwama, Anantnag, Shopian districts. He held interactions with the farmers, agri-entrepreneurs at many places and took stock of the overall implementation of different projects under HADP. While talking to the farmers,

Dr Mangla Rai expressed satisfaction over the comprehensive, successful implementation of different interventions under different programs of HADP. He said that the successful implementation of HADP will transform the Agriculture from being subsistence to commercial and sustainable activity and will achieve higher rates of growth. The Holistic approach will bring equitable distribution of benefits and improve the lives of farming families, he added.

Chairman Apex Committee expressed his utmost satisfaction over the successful implementation of different projects under



HADP and said "this is one of the best scenario I have ever witnessed in my entire career". He appreciated Director Agriculture Kashmir Chawdhry Mohammad Iqbal and his team for his commitment and professional approach adopted during the successful implementation of different projects under HADP.

Notably, for Holistic Development of Agriculture and allied sectors, the J&K Administration has approved the implementation of 29 projects recommended by an Apex Committee of experts headed by Dr. Mangla Rai, former Director General ICAR, with an outlay of Rs 5013 cr over the next five years.

During the visit Director Agriculture Kashmir Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal and Director Horticul-

ture Kashmir Zahoor Ahmad Bhat briefed Dr Mangla Rai about various interventions under different projects of HADP by the concerned departments. Director Agriculture informed the Chairman that the department and farming community are working in coordinated manner to achieve the set targets under different projects in a time bound and effective manner. Earlier, Dr Mangla Rai visited dif-

ferent HADP works at many places including hi-tech Poly Houses, Vermi Compost units, Niche Crop Fields, Mushk Budgi seed villages, High Density Orchards, Farmer's Vegetable Farms and other Units established under HADP. He received feedback from the farmers regarding various interventions and held exchange of thoughts with them.

RBI, NABARD Officers Conduct Visit To CFL Project

Observer News Service

ANANTNAG: Officers of RBI and NABARD Tuesday conducted a joint visit to Centre for Financial Literacy (CFL) at Anantnag. The CFL is a Reserve Bank of In-

dia's pilot project on financial literacy at the block level to explore innovative and participatory ap-

sponseNet in Chattergul, Sagam, Dachnipora, Shahabad and Hiller. The main objective of CFLs is to educate people on e-transactions, formal sector borrowings and insurance purchases

DDM NABARD Rouf Zargar informed that the aim of the CFL was to inculcate the habit of making a household budget and



proaches to financial literacy.
As part of functioning of CFL,

the regular financial literacy programmes are to be conducted by CFLs. Meanwhile, during one such programme organized at Deethu Shangus, AGM RBI, Anoop Sharma informed that, CFLs are setup with an aim to create financial awareness among target groups in remote areas.

In Anantnag, five such CFLs have been set up through NGOs/ Agencies viz. CRISIL and Re-

recording financial transactions, encourage transactions in savings accounts and active saving by depositing in banks through fixed deposits and recurring deposits.

Parvez, LDM Anantnag who is the nodal officer for the project implementation in the district informed that CFL also aims to ensure people borrow from formal finance institutions and approach banking Ombudsman for redressal of their grievances.

Gold Plunges Rs 1,100 To Rs 71,700 Per 10g; Silver Plummets Rs 2,200 **Press Trust Of India**

NEW DELHI: Gold prices plunged by Rs 1,100 to Rs 71,700 per 10 grams in the national capital on Tuesday due to weak demand from jewellers. The precious metal had closed at Rs 72,800 per 10

grams in the previous session. Silver also continued its slide for the fourth session, plummeting by Rs 2,200 to Rs 82,000 per kg on Tuesday from Rs 84,200 per kg in the previous trade, according to the All India Sarafa Association.

Silver prices have fallen by Rs 4,200 per kg in the four sessions since August 2 when it traded at Rs 86,000 per kg. In addition, gold of 99.5 per cent purity dived Rs 1,100 to Rs 71,350 per 10 grams from Monday's closing at Rs 72,450 per 10 grams.

Traders said gold prices dropped due to reduced demand from jewellers and retail buyers.

According to Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst at HDFC Securities, the weakness in the rupee and physical demand ahead of the festive season is expected to support domestic gold prices. The global uncertainty, central bank's demand and

lower interest rates bode well for gold prices, Parmar In the international markets, gold at Comex dropped by USD 20 to USD 2,409 per ounce.

"Gold fell more than 1 per cent on Monday, caught in the slipstream of a global, wider market sell-off driven by mounting economic worries and Yen carry trade unwinding, however geo-political tensions and rate cut expectations are cushioning the prices.

Hamas names Yahya Sinwar as new chief



Gaza: Hamas named Gaza Strip chief Yahya Sinwar as its new political leader on Tuesday, a week after his predecessor Ismail Haniyeh's killing in Tehran which has sent regional tensions soaring.

Islamic Resistance Movement Hamas announces the selection of leader Yahya Sinwar as the head of the political bureau of the movement," a statement from the group said.

Since 2017, Sinwar has been the chief of Hamas in the Gaza Strip. Along with Mohammed Deif, the military chief of Hamas who was assassinated by Israel last month, Sinwar is considered to be a master strategist with close ties to Iran like late Haniyeh. Israel accuses him of being the principal architect of the October 7 attack that triggered the ongoing war in Gaza.

61 years old Sinwar has a long history of conflict, having spent 23 years in Israeli prisons before being released in 2011 as part of a prisoner exchange. Like Haniyeh, Sinwar was also born in a refugee camp in Gaza after his family was expelled by Israel.

CUKashmir VC plants sapling

University (CUKashmir) Vice-Chancellor, Prof. A Ravinder Nath Tuesday planted a sapling under the plantation drive "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" organised by the Division of Landscape and Green Mission in collaboration with the National Service Scheme at varsity's Tulmulla campus. Dean Academic Affairs,

Prof. Shahid Rasool, Dean School of Legal Studies, Prof. Farooq Ahmad Mir, Dean of Languages, Prof. School Sandhya Tiwari, Dean School of Physical and Chemical Sciences, Prof. Mohammad Yousuf, Dean School of Education, Prof. Zahoor Ahmad Geelani, Head DCJ, Dr. Arif Nazir, Coordinators of department, In-Charge, Division of Landscape & Green Mission, Dr. Muhammad Latief, NSS Programme Coordinator, Dr. Shabir Ahmad Ahanger, faculty members and administrative staff enthusiastically participated in the event and planted saplings on the

Speaking on the occasion, Vice-Chancellor, Prof. A

is a heartfelt tribute and gratitude to mothers and a commitment to a greener environment. He further said the plantation drive is imperative to maintain the ecological balance and to address the endemic environmental issues. "As a learning institution, our foremost responsibility is not only to impart knowl-

edge but also to instill values

ness and sustainability among all the stakeholders," Prof. A Ravinder Nath added.

Dean Academic Affairs, Prof. Shahid Rasool, said, "Ek Ped Maa Ke Naam" is more than just a plantation drive. "It is a movement to honour the life-giving force of mothers and our commitment to protecting and nurturing our

GM Reviews Safety And Infrastructure Work Of Northern Railway

Observer News Service

New Delhi: Shobhan Chaudhuri, Northern General Manager Railway held a review meeting with the departmental heads and DRMs of Northern Railway. Deliberations were held on keeping focus on mobility enhancement and other developmental infrastructure works and Freight loading. The Northern Railway maintained a good record of punctuality and continued to emphasize on punctual running of trains.

He said that, Safety is the prime focus of the Northern Railway. He reviewed the work done over the zone in improving the maintenance standard of track, welds and removal of scrap lying near the tracks. He further elaborated that mobility works are another important area which needs regular and stringent monitoring. He instructed the divisions to expedite the works related with mobility enhancement and conducting drives to check the progress. He stressed upon the safety during the ongoing monsoon



season and all efforts should be done to curb any kind of obstruction during operation of trains.

Chaudhuri emphasized upon minimizing human failure in train operation. He also instructed the department heads and DRMs, to maintain punctuality and keep pace for freight loading with safety as priority. He further said the impressive growth in freight earning is a testament to Northern Railway's dedication to providing reliable and cost-effective transportation solutions. The General Manager also took stock of progress of work related to rising of speed from 130 kmph to 160 kmph on New Delhi-Howrah and New Delhi-Mumbai route.

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Hajj Through

female pilgrims and those aged 65 or above, adding it says that Hajj is an arduous and strenuous pilgrimage involving walking up to 25 km in a day in extremely harsh climatic conditions of KSA and hence it would be mandatory for pilgrims aged 65 or above (including such LWM pilgrims) to be accompanied by a companion.

"In the case of "Mehram" for lady pilgrims and companions of the pilgrims aged 65 years or above, including ladies without Mehram (LWM) pilgrims aged 65 years or above, re-peaters will be allowed on payment of additional charges as applicable from time to time," reads the policy.

The new Hajj policy further states that the age of the "Mehram" and companions accompanying pilgrims aged 65 years or above must be 18 to 60 years as on the date specified by

However, the policy outlines that companions accompanying LWM pilgrims aged 65 or above must be female and between the age of 45 to 60

The policy document mentions that if a lady pilgrim or pilgrims aged 65 or above is utilising the services of a repeater as "Mehram" or companion as the case may be, she must give a solemn undertaking to the effect that no first time "Mehram" or companion, as applicable, is available in the family.

The policy maintains the distribuion of Haji seats, with 70% allocated to the Hajj Committee of India (HCoI) and 30% to Hajj Group Organisers (HGOs).

The policy mandates that pilgrims aged 65 or above must be accompanied by a companion aged between 18 to 60 years. Female pilgrims aged 45 or above travelling without a "Mehram" are allowed to travel in groups, with specific provisions for their safety and accommodation.

Hajj Committee

Group Organisers got 20 percent of the quota.

While the order of priority was 70 plus applicants, ladies travelling without mehrams (LWM) and the general category in 2024, the new Hajj policy has prioritised 65 plus applicants followed by ladies without mehrams and then the general category.

"It is decided that considering the arduous nature of the Hajj pilgrimage, a companion is a must for pilgrims aged 65 or above and no pilgrim aged 65 or above will be registered as a lone member under reserved category," the new hajj policy lays down.

In the 2024 policy, which was a continuation of the 2023 policy, a companion was a must for 70 plus age

The new policy states that pilgrims of 65 years and above will be registered under Reserved Category.

"One companion is a must for pilgrims aged 65 or above and no pilgrim aged 65 or above will be registered alone under reserved category. In case of LWM pilgrims aged 65 or above, a female companion of the age 45-60 is

a must," the policy states. "For non-LWM pilgrims of the age of 65 or above, one companion is allowed who should be an immediate relative namely Husband/Wife/Brother/Sister/ Son/Daughter/Son-in-law/Daughterin- law. Grandson/Granddaughter and Nephew/Niece. No other relation will be allowed to travel as a companion,"

the policy states. Neither the pilgrim aged 65 or above nor the companion will be allowed to travel alone, it says

"The age of the companion must be below 60 years on the date specified by HCol. If husband and wife are travelling in a cover under reserved category, and both are aged 65 or above, they

will be allowed two companions, who will be blood relation of the pilgrims,' the policy says.

It also states that the age of the 'Mehram' and companions accompanying pilgrims aged 65 years or above must be 18 to 60 years as on the date specified by HCol. However, companions accompanying LWM pilgrims aged 65 or above must be female and between the age of 45 to 60 years.

The policy also states specifies that a dedicated 'Haj Suvidha' App has been launched during Haj-2024 with the objective of leveraging Information Technology towards providing greater ease and convenience to the Indian Hajj pilgrims by facilitating access to training content, accommodation/ flight/baggage details, emergency helpline (SOS), grievance redressal feedback, language translation and miscellaneous information related to the pilgrimage.

"All pilgrims are expected to familiarise themselves with this App. Advisories on the functionality of the App will be issued from time to time by HCoI," it says.

The Hajj Application Forms (HAFs) can be filled by the pilgrims through the website of the HCoI at hajcommittee.gov.in which can also be accessed on mobile phones.

The Government of India and Saudi Arabia sign the Hajj Agreement every year in which the number of Hajj seats allocated to India is incorporated.

India and Saudi Arabia last v signed a bilateral agreement under which New Delhi has been allocated a quota of 1,75,025 pilgrims for the annual Hajj pilgrimage in 2024.

EC To Meet J&K

Kumar will be accompanied by Election Commissioners Gyanesh Kumar and S S Sandhu.

In March, Kumar -- who was then the sole member of the three-member commission to visit the Union Territory -- had assured political parties and the people of Jammu and Kashmir that the poll panel would soon hold elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

At that time, the two posts of election commissioners were vacant. They were filled days before the Lok Sabha polls were announced on March 16.

After a record turnout in the Lok Sabha elections in Jammu and Kashmir, Kumar had said, "This active participation is a huge positive for Assembly elections to be held soon so that the democratic process continues to thrive in the Union Territory."

Besides meeting the political parties, the commission will also review the situation with the chief electoral officer and the central forces coordinator.

The commission will also review the preparations with election officers and police superintendents of all districts, as well as the chief secretary and the

director general of police. On August 10, the commission will visit Jammu for a review meeting with enforcement agencies. It will also hold a press conference in Jammu to brief the media on the review process.

Whenever Assembly elections are held in Jammu and Kashmir, they will be the first since provisions of Article 370 of the Constitution were abrogated and the erstwhile state divided into two Union Territories in 2019.

The electoral exercise in Jammu and Kashmir is usually spread over a

Following a delimitation exercise, the number of Assembly seats has gone up from 83 to 90, excluding those allocated to Pakistan-occupied Kashmir.

Last December, the Supreme Court directed the poll panel to hold Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir by September 30.

In a fresh indication that the Assembly polls in Jammu and Kashmir are imminent, the Election Commission last week asked the Union Territory administration to transfer officers posted in their home districts, an exercise it holds ahead of conducting elections.

The commission has been following a consistent policy that officers directly connected with the conduct of elections in a poll-bound state or Union Territory are not posted in their home districts or places where they have served for a considerably long period.

It is usual for the poll panel to issue instructions related to transfers of officers ahead of Lok Sabha and Assembly

In June, it decided to accept applica-tions seeking allotment of 'common symbols' from registered unrecognised parties in the Union Territory.

J&K CEO Seeks

helicopters are required from September to November, but, as per documents, the timing can change depending upon the election schedule to be announced by the poll body.

The CEO's office has invited bids from reputed companies for hiring a helicopter and a helicopter ambulance for the Assembly polls in the Union Territory, which is without an elected government for over six years now.

As per documents, these helicopters are required from September 2024 to November 2024. "The period and number of days can be changed depending on the actual schedule of Legislative Assembly Elections in Jammu and Kashmir. The period and number of days shall be communicated accordingly," reads the documents.

This is another indication that polls in Jammu & Kashmir would take place by September, the deadline set by the Supreme Court.

In December last year, the Supreme Court, while upholding the abrogation of Article 370 by the Centre, had directed the poll body to conduct elections in Jammu & Kashmir by September 30, 2024.

Jammu & Kashmir is without an elected government since June 19, 2018 when BJP withdrew support to Mehbooba Mufti-led government, citing "deteriorating" security in the erstwhile state. Since then, elections have not been held in J&K. The last assembly election in J&K was held in 2014.

School Admin Faces

of POCSO Act stands registered at PS Kothibagh and the investigation has been taken up.

Confirming the development, a senior police official told Kashmir Observer that since the act is of a serious nature, the accused are likely to be tried under the Juvenile Justice Act and may be sent to the juvenile remand home.

Deeba Ashraf, a social media user, said she received numerous calls from students attending the school where the incident occurred. They requested her to address the issue of sexual assault, which the young boy has been a victim of for years.

"I can't talk about the mental agony he'd been going through all these years. Why hasn't action under POCSO been taken? Why is the private schools association silent? Where's the statement from the school? Today it's him, tomorrow it could be your child, or who knows that your child is already a victim," she wrote on X.

Another user under name S'ved A'dil, wrote "Encourage all people to register their grievances at LG and ask the school education department to look into the matter. This way will give insight to the @SchoolEdujkut to intervene in this matter"

"Extremely sad. It deserves to be taken super-meticulously" Bilal-ur-Rehman, another user, replied.

Social activists say crimes like this, hooliganism and drug abuse is rampant in major private schools in Srinagar. In most cases teachers fear to speak out fearing punitive action by the school administration for fear of getting bad press.

5,724 Of 6,000 Jobs

various self-employment schemes. He stated that on the security front, the government has implemented a robust strategy to safeguard Kashmiri migrants, which includes an extensive security and intelligence network, static guards, continuous checkpoints at key locations, night patrolling, and area dominance efforts.

The minister said that special attention is given to identify vulnerable spots and conduct intensified cordon and search operations.

"In addition to employment and security measures, several facilities have been provided to Kashmiri migrants, including monthly cash support of Rs 3,250 per person, up to Rs 13,000 per family. Each migrant is allocated 9 kg of rice, 2 kg of flour, and 1 kg of sugar per month. The construction of 6,000 transit accommodations is underway to support the return of migrants to the Kashmir valley," he said.

minister said portal, launched in August 2021, allows migrants to report issues related to encroachment, title changes, mutation, and distress sales.

"Golden health cards have been issued, and primary health centres/ dispensaries are available in migrant camps. Five government schools have been established in camps to provide education to displaced children, with an online portal available for issuing migration certificates to eligible students," he said.

The minister added that various certificates, including domicile, resident of backward area, migrant, income, and economically weaker sections (EWS) certificates are now issued online for convenience.

J&K Govt Hikes

and tea stall will have to pay Rs 20,000, Rs20,000, Rs 10,000, Rs 5,000 and Rs2.000 for two years.

The rates for registration, renewal of registration houseboats falling in the deluxe category have been decided at Rs 50,000 for two years.

The owner of houseboats falling in categories A Category, B Category, C Category and D Category will have to pay Rs 40,000, Rs 30,000, Rs 20,000 and Rs 10,000, respectively to the government as a fee for renewal of registration. The draft said the renewal of regis-

tration fee for Golden Category homestay and Silver Category homestay has been suggested as Rs 4000 and Rs 2000, respectively. The fee for renewal of registration

of a travel/ excursion agent/ adventure tour operator has been suggested Rs 30,000 while as the same for guides, bathing boat owner, motor boat owner, photographer, taxi boat is Rs 10,000, Rs10,000, Rs10000, Rs10,000, and Rs 5000 respectively.

For camping agent, camping equipment vendor, ponnywala and seldgewala, the renewal of registration fee as per the draft is Rs5000, Rs5000, Rs1000 and Rs1000, respectively. The houseboat owners have op-

posed the draft guidelines saying the hike in renewal registration fees is 'unbearable' for them. "We have already counted days of work. Further, a houseboat requires

a huge sum for maintenance. So, we appeal to the government to consider our pleas and revoke this hike in renewal of registration fees," said Yaqoob Dhanoo, former General Secretary of Kashmir Houseboat Owners Association. (KNO)

14 Pilgrims Killed

Reasi district, resulting in nine casualties.

He added that in response to these attacks, the government has enhanced security measures to protect pilgrims, particularly in Jammu and Kashmir.

"The key initiatives include regular issuance of safety advisories to inform and guide pilgrims, a robust mechanism for intelligence sharing among security agencies, and provision of central armed police forces upon request from state or union territory authorities," the minister said.

He added that Jammu and Kashmir government has also implemented specific measures to bolster security, such as the implementation of standard operating procedures for pilgrim safety, coordination of security efforts among various agencies, installation of CCTV cameras along routes, camps, and langer points of the Amarnath deployment of drones at sensitive locations, stationing of specialized quick action teams at strategic points, provision of corridor protection by the Army, deployment of senior officers at Pahalgam and Baltal to monitor arrangements and regular reviews by senior officers to ensure effective security measures.

Amarnath Yatra Sets

pilgrims visited the naturally formed ice 'lingam' on Tuesday.

The 52-day pilgrimage, which started on June 29, will conclude on August

According to officials, 2,813 pilgrims paid obeisance at the 3,880-metre high cave shrine on Tuesday. This has taken the number of pilgrims this year to 5,00,105.

The officials said 1,500 male pilgrims, 618 female pilgrims, 65 sadhus and two sadhvis were among those who paid obeisance at the cave shrine. Over 570 security forces and 57 chil-

dren also performed the pilgrimage.

According to 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.

With Over 6000

But traditions are what things were, the court said and warned: "If contempt cases are to linger on inordinately without compliance, the very existence of this Court is meaningless."

The "couldn't careless" attitude of the executive gives an impression that the court has to resort to firm measures to ensure that the orders passed by it and by other courts judicially inferior to the High Court, are complied with in letter and spirit and are taken more seriously than the way it has been till date, the Division Bench said.

"In order to restore a semblance of sanity by achieving compliance of its orders, this Court has to take precipitate measures and shall not hesitate to do so," the court said, adding, "It is, however, recording these observations herein so that the UT and the bureaucracy is put on guard that what has been happening till now with the orders of this Court shall no longer be tolerated."

Once an order is passed, the court underlined, it shall be complied with in letter and spirit, stayed or set aside by a superior Court or a larger bench or, "the contemnor be prepared to face the consequences for contempt of

The court's hard-hitting observations followed inconsistency in the statement made by Advocate General and J&K's Law Secretary over nonappearance of Chief Secretary through Video Conferencing before it with regard to a contempt plea.

In fact, the court had directed the contemnors being the Chief Secretary, Finance Secretary, Secretary GAD and Secretary PWD R&B to join the proceedings through Video Conferencing in order to obviate the inconvenience to them of personally appearing before the Court to answer the charge of contempt.

While the Principal Secretary, Finance and the Secretary PWD R&B joined the proceedings through Video Conferencing, the secretary GAD did

not join as he was on leave. "As regards the Chief Secretary, the Advocate General, as per instructions received by him, informed this Court that the Chief Secretary is desirous to join the proceedings and is in the process of joining the Video Conference in a few minutes and the delay was solely on account of connectivity issues," the court observed. However, that never happened, the court observed. "A short while later, the Law Secretary Achal Sethi appeared through Video Conferencing and informed the Court that the Chief Secretary is unable to appear through Video Conferencing as he is busy in a meeting.

"As of now, this Court is unable to ascertain as to who is lying, whether it is the person who informed the Ld. Advocate General that the Chief Secretary is keen to join the proceedings and shall do so in a few moments or whether it was the Law Secretary who was instructed to state incorrectly on behalf of the Chief Secretary," the court said, emphasising that both these versions were starkly disparate and in gross contradiction to each

"From the manner in which the Union Territory Government has conducted itself, it is clear that there is an absolute lack of sincerity of purpose on its part to comply with the order passed by this Court. It reflects a sorry state of affairs that exists in the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir with regard to judicial proceedings and judicial orders," the court said and ordered all the four "contemnors" to remain present in person before it on the next date of hearing on August 8.

"If any of them does not comply with the direction for personal appearance on 08/08/2024, this Court shall resort to coercive measures to secure their presence," the court added.

J&K Tops National

as Intensified Mission Indradhanush and immunisation of migrant populations.

Under the universal immunisation programme, all eligible children up to the age of two are administered vaccination doses, according to the immunisation schedule.

Jadhav said in his reply that Mission Indradhanush and Intensified Mission Indradhanush were special catch-up campaigns conducted at regular intervals to ensure vaccination of left-out and dropped-out children and pregnant women in areas of low immunisation coverage.

The government encourages states and Union territories to have model immunisation centres. Immunisation camps are also conducted in the states. based on requirements.

Model immunisation centres are already operational in Uttar Pradesh and Bihar and in the Union territories of Chandigarh and Ladakh, Jadhav stated.

Kohli In Focus As India Bid To Avoid 1st Series Loss To SL In 27 Years

COLOMBO: The onus will be on Indian batters, particularly the talismanic Virat Kohli, to follow the path laid down by skipper Rohit Sharma and tactfully counter the spin challenge in the third and final ODI here on Wednesday to avoid their first series defeat to Sri Lanka in 27

It's certainly not the start Gautam Gambhir, a stickler for victories, would want in his first ODI assignment as the team's head coach.

India's previous bilateral ODI series defeat against the Islanders came in 1997. The Arjuna Ranatunga-led Lankans then inflicted a 0-3 hammering on Sachin Tendulkar and his men.

Since then, India and Sri Lanka have played 11 bilateral ODI rubbers home and away, with the 'Men in Blue' emerging on the right side of the result in all



India will not be able to win the current three-match series after succumbing to the hosts by 32 runs in the second ODI, and conceding a tie in the first

This position of discomfort is brought upon the team by the batsmen, who seemed to have been plagued by indecisiveness on a RPSC pitch that offered plenty of turn to the spinners.

Curiously, none reflected that brittleness more than star batter Kohli. He has made 38 runs in two matches, but more than the volume of runs, the manner of his

dismissals evoked greater concern.

Kohli looked subdued in the middle, particularly after the fiery starts given by Rohit. Kohli just needed to build on it.

But the master batter in him remained dormant as he pottered around the leg-spin of Wanindu Hasaranga in the first match and of six-wicket man Jeffrey Vandersay in the next, before eventually getting consumed by them.

He looked a far cry from the dominant batsman who once cracked four hundreds at this very same venue. Perhaps, Kohli should direct his mind to happier times than allowing it to be fettered by the demons of the present.

A flowing Kohli is imperative for India's healthy run in the middle overs, be it while chasing or setting a target. But then his turmoil is a true reflection of the struggle that has gripped

Departmental Cricket Tournament Commences At IUST



Observer News Service

AWANTIPORA: IUST Inter-Departmental Cricket Tournament 2024 organised by the Directorate of Physical Education and Sports began Tuesday at the Islamic University of Science and Technology here. During the tournament, 20 teams

from various departments will compete against each other.

Prof. Abdul Wahid, Registrar IUST, and Sameer Wazir, Finance Officer, inaugurated the tournament at the university ground.

Dr. Hilal Ahmad Rather, AD Sports, welcomed the participants and introduced the teams. Prof Abdul Wahid appreciated the organizers and said that extra-curricular activities are important to develop a rounded personality.

Sameer Wazir said that development of sports infrastructure is being prioritized and on the directions of Vice Chancellor, Prof Shakil Ahmad Romshoo sports policy is being framed to give youth platform to participate in national and international events.

District Level Cycling Competition Held In Budgam



Observer News Service

BUDGAM: The Department of Youth Services and Sports Budgam conducted a cycling race for Under-17 and Under-19 boys on Tuesday. The event took place at SIDCO Budgam with young cyclists across the district participating.

The race was flagged off by the

Incharge Activity DYSSO Budgam, Gh Hassan Khanday, alongside Senior PEM Mohd Ayoub Khan, under the guidance of Joint Director of the Kashmir Division, Mohd Rashid

The event concluded with a medal distribution ceremony, celebrating the winners and their excep-

Junior Nationals: J&K Enters 2nd Round After 6-2 Win Over Tripura



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: J&K Junior Football Team created history on Tuesday after entering the quarterfinals of the Junior National Football Championship for Dr B.C Roy Trophy 2024-25. The J&K team defeated Tripura 6-2 at Nurul Amin Stadium Ground 2 in in Nagaon, Assam, to reach the competition's second-round stage for the first time in 48 years. The last time J&K achieved the feat was in 1976.

Sahil Hussain Bhat opened the scoring for J&K in the 18th minute, before Tripura equalised in the 44th minute through Amarjit Debbarma. The two teams entered the second half of the game 1-1.

Zeeshan Anwar Lone put J&K ahead in the 52nd minute, before Mir Mujhtuba Hussain made it 3-1 in the 55th. Tripura pulled one back in the 64th through Amarjit Debbarma, but Abrar Ali Baba made it 4-2 in the 68th.

Abrar scored his brace

in the 86th, while Aazim Parveez Najar made it 6-2 in the 90th minute.

J&K's Abrar Ali Baba was named player of the match for his two goals.

The Satpal Singh Kalacoached team has been on an excellent run in the tournament. In the group stages, the team played 4 games, winning 3, drawing 1, while scoring 15 goals and conceding 5.

J&K's quarter-final opponent and dates are yet to be announced.

Downtown Heroes Take On East Bengal In Durand Cup Today

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Downtown Heroes FC is all set to take on Indian footballing giants East Bengal FC on Wednesday, August 7, in the 133rd Durand Cup match at Kishore Bharati Krirangan in Kolkata. The game is set to kick off at 7:00 PM and will be shown on Sony TEN 2 SD TV and Sony TEN 2 HD TV. It can also be streamed on the SonyLiv app and website.

The Heroes have played two group games thus far, losing one (1-0 against Mohun Bagan Super Giant) and winning the other (2-0 against Indian Air Force FT). Meanwhile,



local heavyweights, East Bengal, defeated Indian Air Force 3-1 in their opening game of the 2024 Durand Cup.

The game is crucial for Downtown Heroes as only a win can send them to the next round of the prestigious competition.

Downtown Heroes Potential XI: Umaid Hussain Mugloo, Zahid Yousuf Mir, Redah Atassi, Hyder Yousuf Wani, Mohammad Inam, Aafreen Basharat Parray, Asrar Mushtaq Khan, Shahmeer, Darius Snorton Perwood, Basit Bhat, Calvin Rosario Baretto

Short TAKES

Paris Olympics Medals Tally

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India's Day 12 Schedule At 2024 Paris Olympics

Women's Singles Round-1 (Aditi Ashok and Diksha Dagar) - 12:30 PM

TABLE TENNIS

Women's Team Quarter-Final (Archana Kamath, Manika Batra and Sreeja Akula) - 1:30 PM

Marathon Race Walk Relay Mixed Event (Suraj Pawar and Priyanka Goswami) - 11:00 AM Women's 100m Hurdles Round 1 (Jyoti Yarraji) -

Men's Triple Jump Qualification (Praveen Chitravel and Abdullah Narangolintevida) - 10:45 PM Men's High Jump Qualification (Sarvesh Anil Kush-

are) - 1:35 PM Men's 3000m Steeplechase Final (Avinash Sable) -

Women's Freestyle 53kg Pre-Quarter Final (Antim Panghal) - 2:30 PM

Women's 49 kg event (Mirabai Chanu) - 11 PM

India's Table Tennis Squad Falls To China At Paris Olympics

Veteran paddler Achanta Sharath Kamal demonstrated his mettle, but India faced a 0-3 defeat against powerhouse China in the pre-quarterfinals, ending their men's table tennis team event campaign at the Paris Olympics on Tuesday.

The Indian pair of Harmeet Desai and Manav Thakkar lost the opening doubles match 2-11 3-11 7-11 to China's formidable duo of Ma Long and Chuqin Wang.

In contrast, the Indian women's team achieved a remarkable victory over higher-ranked Romania 3-2 on Monday to advance to the quarterfinals.

France Beats Egypt, To Face Spain **In Soccer Final At Olympics**

Thierry Henry stood with his arms outstretched, facing the jubilant crowd and soaking up the

The final of the men's soccer tournament at the Paris Olympics was in sight after France had been pushed to the limit by Egypt in Monday's semifinal at Stade de Lyon. Jean-Philippe Mateta, meanwhile, was being mobbed by his teammates after scoring his second goal in a 3-1 win that sets up a final against Spain at Parc des Princes on Friday.

Olympics See 40-plus Covid Cases As Global Figures Rise: WHO

ore than 40 athletes at the 2024 Paris Olympics have tested positive for Covid-19 highlighting a new global rise in cases, the World Health Organization said Tuesday.

The WHO said the virus behind the Covid-19 pandemic was still circulating and countries need to sharpen up their response systems. Several high-profile athletes have suffered from Covid-19 at the Paris Games.

British swimmer Adam Peaty tested positive a day after winning silver in the 100m breaststroke when he had not felt well.

Uncertainty Looms Over B'desh's Tour Of Pakistan Amid Unrest

The Bangladesh senior men's cricket team's upcom-I ing two-Test series against Pakistan, set to begin on August 21 in Rawalpindi, is in jeopardy due to the ongoing civil unrest in Bangladesh following the forced resignation of ex-Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina.

The uncertainty not only affects the senior team but also clouds the Bangladesh A team's shadow tour. Bangladesh A was scheduled to play in Pakistan's cities of Rawalpindi and Karachi, but their plans have been delayed by 48 hours.

Neeraj Chopra Reaches Olympic Finals With Monster First Throw

Press Trust of India

PARIS: Defending champion Neeraj Chopra turned on the style as he stormed into the men's javelin throw final of the Olympic Games with a season's best effort of 89.34m in his very first attempt in the qualification round here on Tuesday.

Much like his performance in the Tokyo Olympics, the 26-yearold crossed the automatic qualifying mark of 84m in his opening throw to occupy the top spot in Group B.

The tremendous effort, which is the second best of his career, also set aside surrounding Chopra's fitness after he revealed that he had been



battling an adductor niggle in the build-up to the Games. His personal best continues to be 89.94m

achieved back in 2022. The other Indian in fray,

Kishore Jena, bowed out of contention to make the 12man final on Thursday after managing a poor throw of 80.73m.

Pakistan's

mance of the day lasting just a few minutes - quite literally a case of 'he came, he threw and he conquered'. Julian Weber of Germany topped Group A with a first round throw of 87.76m while

Nadeem, who is the reigning Commonwealth Games

champion, also qualified

for the finals with a throw

Grenada veteran Anderson

Peters too made the cut

most eye-catching perfor-

with a throw of 88.63m.

From the same group,

Chopra produced the

of 86.59m in Group B.

former world champion Julius Yego (85.97m) of Kenya and Tokyo Olympics silver medallist Jakub Vadlejch (85.63m) of Czechia were second and third respectively.

Star Grappler Vinesh Phogat Enters Maiden Olympic Semifinal

Press Trust of India

PARIS: Seasoned Indian wrestler Vinesh Phogat entered her maiden Olympic semifinals in the 50kg category after notching up stunning victories over defending champion Yui Susaki of Japan and higher-ranked Ukrainian Oksana Livach along the way here on Tuesday.

The 29-year-old Vinesh defeated Livach, a former European champion and 2018 world championship bronzemedallist, 7-5 in a hard-fought quarterfinal bout to get closer to an elusive Olympic medal in her third attempt.

This was after she caused the biggest wrestling upset in the ongoing Games when she shocked four-



reigning gold-medallist Yui Susaki of Japan on points in the pre-quarterfinals. Later in the evening,

Vinesh will be up against Yusneylis Guzman Lopez in the last-four stage. A win will assure her of at least a silver while a loss will take her into the

bronze medal playoff.

Vinesh started the day against Susaki and trailed 0-2 after conceding penalty points for passivity. But the Indian came back brilliantly in the last five seconds to take down the top seed by clinching three

points to win 3-2. Againsh Livach, Vinesh

put on a more assured performance, grabbing a 2-0 lead in the first round and building on it the next three minutes. Livach came back to reduce the gap to 5-4 but Vinesh held her nerves to nose ahead.

Vinesh had failed to win a medal in her two previous Olympic appearances.

نَحْنُ قَدَّرُنَا بِيَنَكُمُ الْمُوتَ وَمَا نَحُنُ بِمَسْبُوقِينَ

"We have ordained death for all of you, and We cannot be prevented" - Al Quran (56:60)

A Heartbroken Farewell



We are shattered to announce the sad demise of our beloved Mir Aliza, the cherished grand daughter of Late Haji Ghulam Hassan Mir; daughter of Zahoor Ahmed Mir. A tragic road accident near Handwara claimed her precious life.



The void left by our darling Aliza is immeasurable. Her radiant spirit illuminated the lives of everyone she touched.

Congregational Fateh Khawni will be held on Thursday, August 8th, at 10:30 AM at the ancestral graveyard, near Athwajan, Srinagar

We humbly seek Allah's infinite mercy to grant us the strength to endure this unbearable loss. Your heartfelt condolences and prayers are our solace during these darkest hours.

Greif-stricken family

