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## 2 VDG's Slain **In Kishtwar Terror Attack**

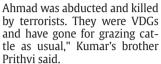
#### **Observer News Service**

Srinagar: Two Village Defense Guards (VDG) were reportedly killed by the terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir's district. Officials said that two VDGs identified as Nazir Ahmad, son of Muhammad Khalil and Kuldeep Kumar, son of Amar Chand-both residents of Ohli, Kuntwara have been killed by the terrorists in Kishtwar.

They said that the duo would always go to Munzla Dhar (Adhwari) for grazing their cattle but today they didn't return.

They said police parties fanned out to find them amid reports that they have been abducted and killed by the terrorists

"We have received information that my brother along with



He said a massive search operation is on but the bodies of the deceased were not recovered so far.

Prithvi said his father Amar Chand died a week ago and the reports about his brother came as another big shock for the family. Meanwhile, Kashmir Tigers, an offshoot of Pakistan-based Jaishe-Mohammad (JeM) terror outfit, has claimed that they killed the VDGs. They also shared what they called were the pictures of the bodies of the deceased with their eyes blindfolded. The outfit has shared a photo-

graph of the two dead VDGs with a letter written | More on P6



#### **Observer News Service**

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Assembly was adjourned for the day on Thursday following a brawl between the BJP MLAs and marshals, as the opposition members protested against a resolution for the restoration of the erstwhile state's

special status for the second consecutive day.

While the opposition BIP said the resolution is "illegal" and demanded its withdrawal, the speaker said he does not have such powers as anything passed by the House can only be undone by the House itself. Amid high drama, the day also witnessed a group of MLAs, including those from the PDP and Peoples' Conference, submitting a fresh resolution demanding immediate restoration of Articles 370 and 35A of the Constitution in their original form.

'Special Status' Resolution Sparks Scuffle In J&K Assembly

As soon as the Assembly

### Fresh Art 370 Resolution Moved By PDP, PC

NC, BJP Playing 'Fixed Match': Para

Srinagar: A group of MLAs, including from the PDP and the Peoples' Conference, on Thursday submitted a fresh resolution in the Jammu and Kashmir assembly demanding immediate restoration of Articles 370 and 35A in their original form. They also called for the reversal of all changes introduced in the Union territory after the erstwhile

state was stripped of its

abrogated Article 370,

which gave special status

to Jammu and Kashmir in

2019, and bifurcated the

The Modi government

special status in 2019.

KO Photo | Abid Bhai



and Kashmir and Ladakh. Article 35A gave special rights to the permanent residents of the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir. The resolution comes a day after the assembly passed a resolution, brought by the ruling National Conference (NC),

#### **Can't Annul Resolution** Passed By House: Speaker

Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather rebuked the party | More on P6

#### Art 370 Is A History Now: BJP

he opposition BJP in Jammu and Kashmir on Thursday said it was "unfortunate" that the ruling National Conference has "compromised the integrity" of the assembly, and made a "joke" of democracy by bringing a resolution that questions a decision of the country's Parliament. "This is a fraud, a drama, that has been attempted with the people of J-K," BJP MLA from Ramnagar, R S Pathania, told reporters here after the assembly was adjourned for the day following an uproar over the special status resolution.

"Article 370 is a history now. | More on P6

#### erstwhile state into two Union Territories of Jammu asking the | More on P6

**Our Resolution Shows World** 



ammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah Thursday said the resolution passed by the legislative assembly on the restoration of the special status of the erstwhile state has told the world what the people here want. The Jammu and Kashmir Assembly on Wednesday | More on P6

### **Encounter Rages In Sopore**

n encounter broke out between terrorists and security forces in Sopore area of north Kashmir's Baramulla district late Thursday, Army said The Army in a post on X said that a joint operation was launched by the Indian Army and Jammu and Kashmir Police in Panipura, Sopore, Baramulla, based on specific intelligence regarding the presence of terrorists. "During the operation, suspicious activity was observed by the troops, and when challenged, the | More on P6

WE HAVE RECEIVED INFORMATION THAT **MY BROTHER ALONG WITH AHMAD** was abducted and killed by terrorists. They were VDGs and have gone for grazing cattle as usual."

## Aga Ruhullah & Waheed Para Clash on X

#### Syed Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: In a heated exchange on X (formerly Twitter), Aga Syed Ruhullah of the National Conference (NC) and Waheed ur Rehman Parra, a People's Democratic Party (PDP) MLA from Pulwama, sparred over the National Conference's recent resolution on the special status of Jammu and K ashmir



## No Mid-Way Change In **Recruitment Rules: SC**

#### KO Web Desk

Srinagar: In a significant verdict, the Supreme Court on Thursday held the "rules of the game" for appointment in government jobs cannot be changed midway unless the procedure permits. The top court said

notified at the commencement of the recruitment process, cannot be changed midway through the recruitment process unless the extant rules so permit, or the advertisement, which is not contrary to the extant rules, so permit," the bench held.

The bench, also compris

# ammu and Kashmir Assembly

on Thursday rejected the BJP demand for either rolling back the special status resolution passed by the House or stepping down, and said if the party does not have faith in him it should bring a no-confidence motion. He also

## met in I More on P6

### **New Counter Terrorism Policy Soon: Amit Shah**

#### **Press Trust Of India**

New Delhi: The government will soon bring a national counterterrorism policy and strategy to fight terrorism, terrorists and their ecosystem, Union Home Minister Amit Shah said on Thursday.

Addressing an anti-terrorism conference here, Shah also said that while law and order is a state subject and states have the geographical boundaries and constitutional limitations, terrorism doesn't and hence all security agencies -- central and states -- must work in close coordination, chalk out joint strategies and share intelligence.

He said the government has come up with a vision on model anti-terrorism squad (ATS) and model special task force (STF) for the states and Union territories, which, if adopted, will work as a common structure and platform to deal with the



6 **INVOKE THE ANTI-TERROR LAW Unlawful Activities** (Prevention) Act (UAPA) wherever required."

menace of terrorism. "We need to work together to fight terrorism, terrorists and their ecosystem. | More on P6

## J&K, Ladakh HC To **Get Additional Judges**

#### Agencies

The Srinagar: Union Government has approved the enhancement of the sanctioned strength of judges in the High Court of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh from 17 to 25.

This decision was made in consultation with the Chief Justice of India, following a review of the judge's strength. According to the noti-fication issued by Arjun Ram Meghwal, Minister of State for Law & Justice and

Parliamentary Affairs, the enhanced judge strength will comprise 19 permanent judges and six additional judges. The ratio of judges from the Bar and Service will be 66:33, with 17 judges from the Bar and eight from the Service.

The revised judge strength will come into effect from October 25, 2024. The government has requested the High Court to send proposals for filling up vacant posts of judges at the earliest. Emphasis | More on P6

The resolution, presented by the NC Deputy Chief Minister in the Jammu and Kashmir Legislative Assembly, aimed to address the loss of J&K's special status.

The tension began when Ruhullah defended the resolution, clarifying, "Although there is no mention of Article 370 in the bill, it addresses special status and the constitutional guarantees offered by the Indian Constitution." Ruhullah acknowledged a single minor issue in the resolution, saying, "I have only one objection with a single word in the resolution, and it's impossible to satisfy everyone." He added that accusations of betrayal were baseless and accused Waheed of "creating a fake sense of betrayal and confusion." defended his Ruhullah



party's commitment to the cause, stating that the National Conference had delivered on its promises. "We stand by our words. Bringing this resolution has been in our manifesto, and we have fulfilled that promise," he asserted, refuting allegations that the party was backtracking on its pledges. He clarified the assembly's procedural calendar to counter claims that NC had delayed the resolution, explaining, "Some opposition members claimed betrayal even before the session started, basing their accusations merely on the assembly calendar, not the business schedule. The first day is for the speaker's election, the

second day is for obituaries, and routine business begins on the third day. The first thing we introduced was the resolution on Jammu and Kashmir's lost special status." Waheed

However, Rehman Para challenged the National Conference's approach, urging a stronger, more coordinated response with the INDIA alliance in Parliament. "What we expect from Ruhullah and the National Conference is to take members of the INDIA alliance on board and bring something concrete against the illegal abrogation of Article 370 in Parliament," Waheed said. He questioned why the | More on P6

timate object of any process of selection for entry into a public service was to secure the best and the most suitable person for the job, avoiding patronage and favouritism.

Observing candidates in a recruitment process had a legitimate expectation of the selection process being fair and non-arbitrary, a fivejudge Constitution bench headed by Chief Justice D Y Chandrachud unanimously

ruled that placement in the select list gives no indefeasible right to a candidate for appointment to a government job.

"Eligibility criteria for be-

ing Justices Hrishikesh Roy, P S Narasimha, Pankaj Mithal and Manoj Misra, said even if the change eligibilin ity criteria was permissible under the extant rules or advertisethe ment, the change

would have to meet the requirement of Article 14 (right to equality) of the Constitution and satisfy the test of non-arbitrariness.

It said the doctrine proscribing change of rules midway through the game, or after the game was played, was predicated on the rule against arbitrariness enshrined in

ing placed in the select list,

## Article 14. | More on P6

## **Govt Mulls Syllabus Relaxation For Nov Exams**

#### **Observer News Service**

Srinagar: The Minister for Education Sakina Itoo today said that students appearing for exams in mid-November will receive relaxation in the syllabus. This decision comes after the academic session shifts from March to November, requiring students to take exams earlier than usual.

Sakina Itoo cited the winter zone's probability of snowfall as the reason for conducting

exams in mid-November, rather than delaying them further. The exams, initially scheduled for March, will now be conducted in mid-November. To address concerns, the Minister assured that the problems of students will be taken into account, and relaxation in

the syllabus will be provided to students up to class 9 after consulting stakeholders. "This will alleviate the

concerns of students and parents in Jammu and Kashmir, ensuring a smoother transition to the new academic schedule." Sakina Itoo said.

Meanwhile, schools have started issuing admission notifications for lower standards due to the shift in the academic calendar.

Majority of the schools across the Kashmir valley have started preparations to hold exams from class 1 to class 9 before the weather takes ugly turn.

The J&K government yesterday issued a formal notification regarding holding exams from class1toclass9intheNovember-December session. Pertinently, the proposal to revert back to November-December was mooted by Education Minister Sakina Itoo in the last cabinet meeting which was approved unanimously.

The proposal has done away with the March | More on P6

## No Imaginary Line Can Divide Kashmir, Kargil: Omar

#### **Observer News Service**

Srinagar: A delegation from Kargil district of Ladakh UT led by Member of Parliament from Ladakh, Haji Mohmad Haneefa Jan and Additional General Secretary of National Conference & Former Minister Qamar Ali Akhoon called upon Chief Minister Omar Abdullah today to congratulate him on assuming office as the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir.

delegation in-Chairman/Chief cluded Executive Councillor Ladakh Autonomous Hill Development Council (LAHDC) Kargil, Mohammad Jaffer Akhoon, Executive Councillors and Councillors of LAHDC Kargil, former Ministers and other women representatives. Expressing their warm wishes, the delegation conveyed their congratulations to Chief



Minister Abdullah for his recent election victory and the success of his party.

In response, the CM expressed gratitude and appreciation for their visit, saying, "It's truly heartening to see you here in Srinagar to personally congratulate me. I feel happy and deeply indebted that you traveled from Kargil and remote areas of Ladakh to be here."

During the meeting, he emphasized the deep, historical bond between Kargil and Kashmir, stating, "Kargil and Kashmir remain connected through our hearts, and no imaginary line can divide us."

The delegation also raised certain concerns related to students from Kargil studying in various institutions across Jammu and Kashmir. The Chief Minister assured them that a separate formal meeting would soon be convened with them to discuss these issues, in which senior government officers shall

also be called to participate. Addressing the delegation's concerns | More on P6

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## **'Risk Of Abnormal Blood Fat Levels Increased By About 30 Pc During Pandemic'**

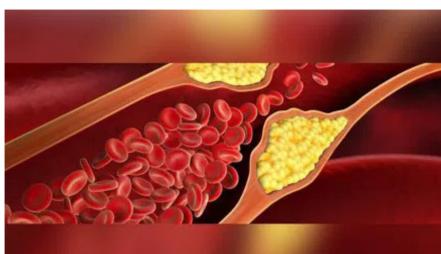
#### **Press Trust Of India**

ases of people having abnormal fat levels in blood became about 30 per cent more likely during the CO-VID-19 pandemic, according to a study on two lakh adults conducted in the Italian city of Naples.

Researchers at the Albert Einstein College of Medicine, US, first determined cases of dyslipidemia -- abnormal lipid (fat) levels in blood -- in the study group during the three years prior to the pandemic's start (2017-2019).

The team then looked at case numbers during the three pandemic years (2020-2022) and excluded those diagnosed with the condition and those taking medications as part of treatment.

"During the COVID-19 period, we detected an increased risk of (29 per cent) developing dyslipidemia when compared with the pre-COVID-19



Medicine, said.

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Dated: 07-11-2024

triennium," the authors wrote in the study published in The Journal of Clinical Investigation. The risk was found to

be higher among people older than 65 years of age and those having chronic conditions, especially diabetes, obesity, respiratory and cardiovascular diseases. The increased dyslipidemia risk "almost certainly" is a result of the pandemic, the researchers said. "Our study did not at-

tempt to determine the pandemic. Any inwhether participants crease in dyslipidemia had tested positive for incidence would almost

COVID-19." study aucertainly have to be the result of COVID-19," thor Gaetano Santulli, Santulli said. an associate professor of

medicine and molecular His team had previously pharmacology at the Alfound that the COVID-19 bert Einstein College of pandemic increased rates of new cases of "Instead, because we hypertension and type 2 had been following this diabetes.

group for many years "In those analyses, we prior to the pandemic, demonstrated that the risk of developing these we were able to meadisorders was still high sure COVID's overall three years after the impact on the population by simply compandemic; moreover, paring levels of dyswe noticed a suspicious lipidemia in the same increase in total cholesgroup before and after terol levels, which warranted a closer look," Santulli said. Further, given the spread

blood fats.

Santulli said.

of the pandemic, the increased risk of dyslipidemia is a cause of concern worldwide, according to the research team. "Based on our findings, we would advise people to have their lipid levels monitored regularly and to consult with their healthcare providers about ways to treat dyslipidemia if detected, especially elderly individuals and patients with diabetes," Santulli said. However, how COVID-19 might have increased

cases of dyslipidemia remains unclear, the researchers said. They proposed that the

disease-causing virus 'SARS-C-V-2' disrupts the function of the inner lining of blood vessels, which are known to be critical to regulating

Since dyslipidemia is a major contributor to cardiovascular disease, the study suggests that addressing the condition should reduce the risk of heart disease in those who have had COVID-19,

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### OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER (R&B) **DIVISION RAJBAGH SRINAGAR.**

Lal Mandi, Near L.D. Hospital Srinagar- 190008.

2nd FRESH SNOW STAGE NOTICE INVITING TENDER E-NIT No.75/R&B/Divn/RAJ of 2024-25 issued under Endorsement No: 7968-78 DATED: 06.11.2024.

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, UT J&K, e-tenders (In single cover system) are invited on Percentage basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments for the

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The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and ot 1.

L	1	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	06.11.2024		
	2 Period of downloading of bidding documents		07.11.2024 from 10.00AM		
ſ	3	Bid submission Start Date	07.11.2024 from 10.00AM		
ſ	4	Bid Submission End Date	13.11.2024upto 4.00 PM.		
ſ	5	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	14.11.2024 at 11.00 AM in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Rajbagh,		

Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of <u>Treasury Challan</u>in favour of <u>Executive Engineer R&B Division Rajbagh, Srin</u> Date of Treasury Challan should be between the date of start of bid and Bid Submission End date]pledged to <u>Executive Engineer R&B</u> Division

At the time of tendering, all bidders must upload earnest money/bid security in the form of CDR/FDR/TDR pledged to the tender receiving 3. authority i.e. Executive Engineer R&B Division Rajbagh, Srinagar(The date of Earnest money should be between Date of Start of bid and bid submission End date).

The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web Site www.jktenders.gov.inand conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address The bids of Responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the Office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Rajbagh(tender receiving authority).

The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of Technical bids

6. All other terms conditions are as per PWD Form 25 (Double agreement Form)

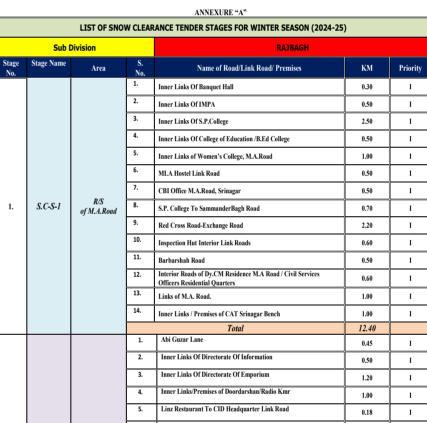
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**Executive Engineer R&B** Division Raibag Srinagar (UBY

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#### **KEEMA Extends** Heartfelt Condolences to Director of Industries & Commerce Kashmir

#### Srinagar, Nov 6

President Raj Nayeem Ahmed Khan, on behalf of the Kashmir Electrical Equipment Manufacturers Association (KEEMA), has extended heartfelt condolences to Mr Khalid Majeed, worthy Director of Industries and Commerce, Kashmir, on the passing of his beloved mother.

During this time of profound sorrow, Raj Nayeem Ahmed Khan and the entire KEEMA family stand in solidarity with Mr Khalid Majeed, offering prayers for the eternal peace of his mother's soul. "The loss of a mother is an irreplaceable grief, a void that words cannot fill. May the Almighty grant her peace and serenity and may He provide strength and comfort to Khalid Majeed and his family as they face this immense loss.

#### Waseem Ahmad Khateeb Secretary General On behalf of the

#### Government of Jammu & Kashmir a Municipal Committee Oazigu

#### Office of the Executive Magistrate **1st Class Narbal Budgam**

Tele Fax 01951-260-276 Pin Code 193401

#### Notice For General Public

I tis hereby notified that the applicant namely Nazir Ahmad Dar S/o Ghulam Ahmad Dar R/o Russu TehsiL Narbal District Budgam had applied for the issuance of Birth Certificate IN his favour . The applicant intends to register the DOB of self as per school record/vaccination card School Record 04-08-2009

In this connection, if anybody having any objection regarding the same he/she may contact office of the undersigned within seven (07) days, after which no objections shall be entertained.

**Executive Magistrate 1st Class** Narbal

On behalf of the KEEMA Family	Office of the Municipal Committee Qazigund					5.	Linz Restaurant To CID Headquarter Link Road	1.00	1
							Polo View Link Road	0.18	1
	Subject:- Declaration as Open Defecation Free Plus (ODF+).						Forest Lane& Clock Tower Enclosure	0.60	1
FROM THE OFFICE OF SHAH ABDUL	Notification			S.C-S-2	L/S of M.A.Road		Koker Bazar & Aaftab Market	1.00	I
MANNAN & ASSOCIATES.	******		2.					1.40	
Chamber No. 4, District Court Budgam	Whereas, as per the guidelines of Swachh Bharat Mission, it is obligatory on part of every Municipal Council/ Committee get their towns declared and certified as Open Defecation Free		-				GPO To Amira Kadal Bund Road	1.70	I
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Dr. Syed Mohammad Yousuf S/O Syed Jaffar R/O Shariefabad	Whereas, Municipal Committee Qazigund has already been declared as ODF by Quality					12.	Interior Roads Of Police Station Kothi Bagh Residency Road	0.40	I
Tehsil & District Budgam	Council of India, and has now fulfilled all the necessary conditions for Declaration as (Open Defecation Free Plus) ODF+.					13.	Court Road Lane Including Loop	0.43	I
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In the matter of: Caveat Petition under section 148-A of CPC	days from the Issuance of this Publication, after which No Objection will be entertained.				LIST OF SNO	W CLEAR	NCE TENDER STAGES FOR WINTER SEASON (20	24-25)	
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fabad, against the caveator before the Hon'ble Court of Prin- cipal District Judge Budgam, as such the Caveator intends to	Executive Officer					2.	Old Peer Bagh	5.00	P1 P1
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Advocates J&K High Court	GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR					6.	Friends' Lane	0.40	P1
	Office Of the Executive Engineer JS-PHE Deptt.					7.	Link Road Airport Gate To CRPF Camp	0.50	P1
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Secondary School Aripanthan Budgam within a period of seven					L/S of I.G.	4.	A.C.B. Headquarters	0.30	P1
days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no	Reference: This Office e–NIT No: 22/JS-PHE/RWSD/Civil of 2024-25, issued Under No: JS-PHE/		4.	S.C-S-6	Road	5.	Eco Friend's Colony Galwanpora	0.75	P1
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PUBLIC NOTICE	Last date of submission of Bids online 09.11.2024 up to 12:00 P.M.		5.	3.0-3-7	R/S & L/S Srinagar -	1.	Lal Nagar Methan Main Road	3.00	P1
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## Man Dies After Hit By **Speedy Tipper**

#### Agencies

Srinagar: A man lost his life after being hit by a speedy tipper near Zafron Colony area of Pantha Chowk here on Thursday, officials said.

An official said that a middle-aged man, riding a scooty bearing registration number JK05A-9747 was injured, after being hit by a speedy tipper vehicle near Khubani departmental store of Zaffron Colony Pantha Chowk here.

He has been identified as Abdul Rashid Dar, son of Abdul Khaliq Dar, a resident of Achanambal Zaffron Colony. He said the man was

shifted to SDH Pampore, where he was declared dead on arrival.

Meanwhile, police have taken up investigation in this regard—(KNO)

## **ACB Conducts Workshop In Unison With Admin**

#### **Observer News Service**

Srinagar: In connection with the week-long Vigilance Awareness campaign, an awareness programme themed "CULTURE OF IN-TEGRITY FOR THE NA-TION'S PROSPERITY," was held at Meeting Hall of DC Office Complex here Thursday.

The programme was organised by Anti-Corruption Bureau Srinagar in collaboration with District Administration Srinagar in which Officers and Officials of Revenue and Custodian Department Srinagar participated

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Srinagar, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat-was the Chief Guest on the occasion.

Addressing the awareness programme, the Deputy Commissioner stressed the need and importance to provide the hassle free services to the public by avoiding much of direct interface between the office bearers and public. He laid emphasis on upholding the moral and ethical values while delivering their official duties.

The DC lauded the organizers and added that such programmes enhance transparency, reinforce ethical governance, and combat corruption.

The DC also underscored that citizens participation is imperative in eradication of corrupt practices at all levels and people must also be made aware about the ill effects of corruption and reformative measures need to be taken to end such anti-poor, anti-development and anti-economic activity.

On the onset of the program documentary recently launched by the ACB Jammu and Kashmir was screened to make the participants aware of the working of ACB, initiatives taken and call to work together to fight against menace of corruption jointly.

Illustrating its Anti Corruption efforts and strategies for promoting accountability, special message made on the occasion of Vigilance Awareness Week-2024 were screened reinforcing the importance of integrity and transparency in governance.



## **KU Hosts 'Chirgish Fest' To Ignite Entrepreneurial Spirit**

#### Sved Mohammad Burhan

Srinagar: A three day fest "CHIR-GISH" has been organized by the Department of Management Studies, University of Kashmir is drawing thousands of students. The event was inaugurated by Vice Chancellor University of Kashmir Prof. Nilofar Khan on Wednesday With stalls set up in the lawns

of the Management Department, the event as per organizers is being held to boost local entrepreneurs and help promote their businesses.

More than a hundred stalls have been set up, featuring a diverse array of offerings including food, bakery items, jewelry, and traditional Kashmiri arts and crafts. These stalls showcase the vi-

brant culture and rich craftsmanship of Kashmir, with food stalls offering local delicacies and bakery treats, while jewelry vendors present intricate, handcrafted pieces. Amid wintry weather, food lov-

ers are thronging the place and enjoying musical performances as well.

Apart from food courts, local entrepreneurs have set up their stalls to showcase their works and find customers

Head Department of Management Studies, Professor Bashir Ahmed Joo said that his focus has always been on practically promoting these businesses and the event aims to promote local business and boost the culture of entrepreneurship.

"We invested in the event to invoke entrepreneurial spirit. We invited local businesses and vendors from across Kashmir vallev and provided them with the safe space to showcase their stalls" Joo said.

Joo further said that such spirit cannot be created in classrooms and forty percent of the stalls have been created by the students of the Management department.

'The faculty including the nonteaching staff has been instrumental in making the event a success. They guided us throughout the journey said a student.

Speaking to Kashmir Observer, Badrunisa Bhat, who operates a

cloud kitchen, shared details about her venture, Aafiyatos. "We sell authentic Hyderabadi dum biryani. Our best-selling items include Lahori Chapli Kebab, Khubani ka Meetha, and Kesar Badam Kheer." Bhat said.

Badrunisa also explained that they set up a stall to promote the business and that the response so far has been very encouraging.

We are dedicated to delivering the most authentic and high-quality food," she added.

Zaira, another entrepreneur, has set up a stall of Kashmiri handicrafts. "We sell clothing of Kashmiri arts

and crafts and we promote local entrepreneurship and so far the response has been encuraging" she said.

Syed Shazan, was one among scores of students who visited the fest.

"I enjoyed being at the exhibition, hope more such fests are organized at other places also. There was a vast collection of foods, sweets and other items' Shazan said.

The event will conclude on Friday.



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- 1895- German physicist Wilhelm Röntgen produces and detects electromagnetic radiation in a wavelength range today known as X-rays or Röntgen rays
- 1901- Bloody clashes take place in Athens following the translation of the Gospels into demotic Greek 1904- American President Theodore Roosevelt (R)
- defeats Alton B. Parker (D) 1904- Inventor and manufacturer Harvey Hubbell
- receives the first U.S. patent for a separable electric attachment plug
- 1907- In a landmark decision for Australia, the Court of Conciliation and Arbitration rules that the Sunshine Harvester Work must pay 'fair and reasonable wages'
- 1910- 1st Washington State election in which women could vote
- 1910- For the first time since 1894, the US elects a Democratic Congress, including the first socialist ever to sit in Congress, Victor L Berger of Milwaukee 1923 Adolf Hitler and the Nazi party stage "Beer Hall Putsch" in Munich.
- 1932 Amidst the Great Depression, Democrat candidate Franklin D. Roosevelt is elected President of the United States, defeating Republican incumbent Herbert Hoover
- 1942 Adolf Hitler proclaims fall of Stalingrad from Munich beer hall
- 1942 Vichy-France drops diplomatic relations with US
  - 1943 France arrests government of Lebanon after

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1956 - UN demands USSR leave Hungary

1957 - Great Britain performs atmospheric nuclear test at Christmas Island

1960 - John F. Kennedy is elected President of the United States, defeating Republican candidate Richard Nixon who was the incumbent Vice President

1964 - IMF grants Great Britain credit of \$1 billion 1965 - British Indian Ocean Territory formed

- 1965 - Vietnam War: US, Australian and New Zealand forces launch Operation Hump, a searchand-destroy operation near Bien Hoa in South Vietnam
- 1980 Voyager 1 space probe discovers 15th moon of Saturn
- 1983 STS-9 vehicle again moves to launch pad
- 1984 STS 51-A mission launches

1987 - Australia beat England by 7 runs to win cricket World Cup

- 1988 900 die as earthquake hits China
- 1988 Vice President George H. W. Bush is elected President of the United States, defeating Democrat candidate Michael Dukakis
- 1990 Saddam fires his army chief & threatens to destroy Arabian peninsula
- 1990 Unconfirmed rumors emerge that Bush might announce an airlift of supplies to US embassy in Kuwait, which could ultimately trigger a military clash
- 2002 Iraq disarmament crisis: UN Security Council under Resolution 1441 unanimously approves a resolution on Iraq, forcing Saddam Hussein to disarm or face "serious consequences"
- 2004 War in Iraq: More than 10,000 U.S. troops and a small number of Iragi army units participate in a siege on the insurgent stronghold of Fallujah.
- 2008 John Key leads the National Party to victory in New Zealand's general election, defeating nine year Prime Minister Helen Clark and her Labour-led coaliton government.
- 2014 Mikhail Gorbachev warns that tensions between America and Russia over Ukraine have put the world on the brink of a new Cold War
- 2014 US President Obama authorises deployment of 1,500 additional troops to help train and advise Iraqi and Kurdish forces fighting Islamic State militants.
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## **Trump Is Back**

Ithough the US presidential campaign was highly competitive, in the end, Republican candidate Donald Trump won decisively over his Democratic opponent Kamala Harris. It will, however, take some time to analyze the reasons for the return of the rightwing politics to the political foreground in the US. In a sense, this turn of events is of a piece with several countries in the rest of the world where rightwing leaders have won elections with large majorities in recent years. Trump as US president will only further strengthen this trend.

One major factor in Trump's spectacular comeback may have been the liberal disillusionment with the incumbent president Joe Biden and his Vice President Harris - the defeated Democratic candidate - whose unqualified support for genocide in Gaza by Israel has not just disappointed many of their admirers around the world but also within the US. More so, the Muslim voter base of the Democratic Party which has felt betrayed by Biden and Harris' complicity in the ongoing carnage in Gaza, and now in Lebanon. To stop the Trump juggernaut, the Democratic party needed to get its supporters to believe in its liberal credentials, but that didn't happen, blurring the differences between the two parties.

But Trump as Biden's replacement is akin to going from frying pan into fire. As some media commentary has pointed out, America has once again chosen for itself "a great disruption." In his first term in power, the US largely abdicated its global role, except in matters of protecting its core interests. And this abdication detrimentally impacted the world. One such negative fallout was on the working of the United Nations. Trump's reluctance then to put the US weight and money behind the UN reduced the profile and role of the world body in managing the global faultlines. If repeated, this state of affairs portends a dangerous world. In the absence of international oversight and the weakening of global multilateral institutions, countries around the world will become more adventurous in their dealings with weaker countries.

Not that Biden and Harris combo has been any better. Under their watch and with their backing, the world has been witnessing a catastrophe unfolding in Gaza. The two have also ensured that the war in Ukraine doesn't end. Is Trump capable of making a redeeming difference? He may very well end up doing better. To his credit, in his first term, he shied away from wars and the US involvement in the disputes between other countries, a foreign policy his Vice President nominee JD Vance too has championed. As for the US relationship with India, Trump and prime minister Narendra Modi share a close bond and the bonhomie between the two is expected to extend into Trump's new term.

## An Open Letter to President Elect of USA, Donald J Trump



ou have won. Congratulations! Your victory is remarkable not merely because of the sheer numbers (accruing from the manly and bold approach) but because of the odds that were stacked against you. One, the hostile mainstream media that blacked you out left no stone unturned in 'manufacturing dissent' against you. Two, your country's establishment's hostility was all too obvious. Three, the labels and slurs-that were tossed at you - aimed to cast doubt on you, your capability and character cavalierly would have been discouraging for anyone. But, against all odds, you prevailed. Congratulations again!

But it is now the real challenge(s) begin. These, after due celebration and commemoration- call for a great measure of sobriety and proportion. Your opponents, detrac-tors and enemies will be praying and waiting you to trip. Mr. Trump, while I don't mean to pre-judge you or be didactic (and you would naturally know better than me) but, on prudential grounds, you must stock take and put into clear perspective the nature of your victory. To me, from a distance, it appears that the massive mandate is for American renewal and, of course its essence. This is not to demean or underplay your efforts, boldness and intelligence. You did an excellent job. By aggregating the fears (in a positive sense of the word), problems and issues of 'ordinary' Americans, and by amplifying these, in your persona, and reflecting back these to the vox(people), your people have reposed trust and faith in you. Now, it is time to redeem your pledges, promises and assurance- all for and in the interest(s) of American renewal.

Your detractors and enemies think that you will alter and mutate the very nature of America. Their major concern is, well economics (to a large extent) but the rule of law that defines your country. I know this fear is overblown and mostly rhetorical. But, this must be undercut and shoved in the face of your enemies (forgive the crassness). The best way to do this is demonstrating grace through forgiveness and clemency. Neither take recourse to lawfare nor the justice system to get even. But get even vou must- by a combination of policy and politics- the kind that go to the heart of American renewal. Dear Mr. Trump, the first prong of this policy-political approach is emotive and emotional. You can craft a paradigm of nationalism that is not exclusive and zero sum. This does not mean a nationalism that is a free for all one or one in free fall. The nationalism you can craft can be inclusive -one that puts the principles of your country and the 'Idea of America' at a pedestal.

A willing buy in by all peoples that constitute the American firmament by putting America First in an expansive sense of the term should be the defining feature of this American nationalism.

The corollary to this first step, Mr. Trump, would be in the realm of trade, the perennially yawning budget and trade deficits of your country, and cost of living for ordinary Americans. On these issues that impinge directly on the welfare of 'ordinary' Americans, you trade policy in such way that keeps America first but enhances some degree of welfare in other countries. This would make most people stay rooted and not move to the shores of America. Prudential use of an American institution, the US-AID might be useful here. In terms of who can enter your country, Mr. Trump, do not close forever the generosity of America. The Australian example may be instructive here. By tweaking it and making it relevant to America, a win -win talking about. In the final analysis, dear Mr. President, I will hark back to my mentor who has shaped me: a man of great intelligence, wit, sense and sensibility, my mentor flipped and inverted the great theorist of war, Von Clausewitz' aphorism , that ' war is a continuation of diplomacy' -that is taken too seriously by military men and said that, ALL war is bad politics. I would, Dear Mr. Trump, urge you to seriously consider. War is not only bad politics but there only the 'pity



**How can you impart both** peace and stability in world politics? I may be out of my depth here but here is my take re that : you have two major flashpoints and tests awaiting you- Ukraine and the Middle East

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#### *Did you know?* Navigating Stock Market Volatility: Lessons for Traders and Investors

#### Irshad Mushtaq

rading in the stock market is known for its unpredictability. Recently, we've witnessed a sharp downturn with the market declining for the whole of October consecutive days, followed by a rapid recovery in two trading sessions of over 400 points in Nifty. This kind of volatility can trap traders, especially those holding short positions, and prompt them to conclude that market prediction is nearly impossible. This reality highlights a crucial point: successful trading isn't just about intelligence and hard work; it requires patience and resilience.

As traders, it's easy to become locked into constant screen-watching and over-trading, leading to potential losses. Instead, effective money management and patience are key. It's essential to accept temporary declines in portfolio value, sometimes even by 20-30%, instead of overreacting. Viewing the market with a long-term perspective is vital. Investors should remember the compounding magic of a steady CAGR

Investors should remember the compounding magic of a steady CAGR (Compound Annual Growth Rate). For example, achieving a 20% CAGR over several years can significantly grow an initial capital. Short-term fluctuations should be seen as mere noise against the backdrop of long-term growth potential. Liquid assets offer flexibility and can be utilized in emergencies, while

Liquid assets offer hexibility and can be utilized in emergencies, while understanding the fluctuating nature of markets aids in making informed decisions. Historical data showcases Nifty's impressive 14% CAGR over 30 years. Hence, focusing on the long-term and embracing volatility can outweigh the perceived stability of other asset classes like fixed deposits or gold.

The key is not trying to time the market but emphasizing time spent in the market. Maintaining focus requires a strong vision and understanding of market dynamics. Education and awareness can prevent falling into panic during volatile phases. Instead of worrying about temporary price drops, evaluate the fundamentals: Is there insight into why a promotable stock is being sold at a particular time, embracing patience, strategic money management,market volatility is normal. Legendary investors like Warren Buffett & Rakesh Jhunjhunwala show that long-term strategies prevail.

Educating ourselves, especially in underrepresented areas like Kashmir, is crucial. Financial literacy fosters informed decisions, leading to economic empowerment. Let's embrace education & secure a prosperous future for ourselves & generations to come!

#### Conclusion

Navigating stock market volatility requires patience and resilience! Recent sharp swings remind us that trading isn't just about intelligence; it's about managing emotions and maintaining a long-term perspective. Embrace the noise of shortterm fluctuations to unlock the power of compounding. Focus on fundamentals, not panic. Remember, it's not about timing the market, but time IN the market!

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## Need for Round-the-Clock Power Supply

**B** lectricity is an essential part of our lives. Its importance is particularly high for students, as without it, using computers and other devices is impossible. These devices help students study at night, and electricity enables access to the internet, which is crucial for research and online education. Thus, electricity is a fundamental necessity not only for our daily lives but also for educational development.

Unfortunately, many areas face challenges with electricity availability. When the power goes out, students struggle to access online materials and face difficulties conducting experiments in laboratories. This affects practical education, and when classrooms lack light, studying becomes a challenge. Public needs are also tied to electricity; homes and offices require lighting, especially at night. Without electricity, refrigerators cannot function, leading to food spoilage. Electricity is also essential for telephones, internet, television, and other entertainment devices.

The unavailability of electricity creates difficulties in people's lives, impacting their quality of life. This issue particularly affects students, who are the foundation of our future. If they face a lack of electricity, their education is compromised. My friends often call me, saying they don't have inverters, and when the power goes out, they have to stop studying. One of them is a JEE aspirant, another is a NEET aspirant. If the electricity situation remains the same, their studies will be disrupted, hindering their potential contributions to the nation. This is not just

their issue but a problem for all of Kashmir; every student is fed up with these challenges. I can no longer tolerate it. Some places have meters installed, yet the lack of electricity remains a serious issue. Additionally, electricity bills have increased, becoming a significant burden for poor people. A year ago, an electricity bill was around 500 rupees, but it has now risen to 1500 rupees. If these issues are not resolved, our country will fall behind.

The use of solar panels is a potential solution to electricity problems. It reduces dependence on electricity companies and can lower electricity bills. Solar energy is sustainable and clean, helping to mitigate environmental issues.

Continuous electricity supply also benefits the government.

Stable electricity supply increases industrial production, strengthening the economy. It enhances the performance of educational institutions and healthcare centers, contributing to public welfare. Reducing dissatisfaction caused by electricity shortages increases social stability.

In summary, the need for electricity is everywhere, whether in hospitals, schools, homes, shops, or offices. Without electricity, all these systems will be affected. Therefore, we need to improve electricity supply. I urge the government to please strive for a 24hour electricity supply so that no one has to face difficulties, allowing us to improve our lives and build our future.

Mohammad Arfat wani



# Mindful Fridays Pain, Suffering, And The Choice We Make

#### Wasim Kakroo

ain and suffering are two terms often used interchangeably, but they represent distinct concepts. Pain is a natural part of the human experience, while suffering, on the other hand, is a response to pain that is shaped by our thoughts, attitudes, and beliefs. Understanding the difference between the two is crucial for leading a more fulfilling life. In this article, I will discuss about the nature of pain and suffering, and how various psychological factors contribute to the experience of suffering.

#### THE NATURE OF PAIN

Pain is an elemental facet of the human condition, an inescapable and universal experience that traverses the boundaries of culture, age, and social status. It encompasses both physical and emotional dimensions, both of which are integral to our existence.

Physical pain manifests in various forms, be it the sharp agony of a sudden injury, the persistent discomfort of illness, or the unforeseen jolt of an accident. It is a language spoken by the human body, conveying vital messages that demand attention. Physical pain serves as a fundamental safeguard, a warning system designed to protect us. Without it, we would inadvertently subject ourselves to grave harm, unable to perceive the dangers that lurk in our environment.

Emotional pain, in contrast, emanates from the intricacies of our inner world. It arises in response to events like loss, rejection, or disappointment. Emotional pain acts as a profound teacher, guiding us through the intricate landscapes of our emotions and relationships. It facilitates growth, fosters resilience, and teaches us empathy and understanding. It enables us to

is a deeply human response to pain and adversity. When faced with suffering, it's natu-ral to question why we are the ones who must endure such challenges. This internal inquiry often emerges from a place of frustration, confusion, or even despair. We seek to find meaning in our pain and to understand why it has befallen us. However, dwelling on "why me" can have detrimental consequences.

This mentality frequently leads to a sense of victimization. By fixating on the idea that we are singled out for suffering, we unintentionally paint ourselves as helpless recipients of life's injustices. This victimization can foster self-pity, powerlessness, and a defeatist attitude, making it difficult to overcome the pain and move forward.

It is essential to recognize that pain doesn't discriminate; it touches everyone's life in one form or another, regardless of their background or circumstances. This realization is a powerful step towards acceptance. Instead of dwelling on the question "why me," we can adopt a more constructive perspective by acknowledging pain as an intrinsic part of the human experience. By doing so, we open the door to growth and resilience. We can learn valuable lessons from pain, develop strength and empathy, and ultimately transform pain into an opportunity for personal evolution. Embracing this mindset allows us to transcend the victim role and take control of our responses to life's challenges, ultimately reducing the suffering they may bring.

#### THE TRAP OF COMPLAINING AND BLAMING

Complaining and blaming are two common reactions to pain. While venting and assigning blame can provide momentary relief, they often lead to a cycle of suffering. Complaining about pain can reinforce negative emotions and keep us focused on our suffering. Blaming others or external circumstances can lead to feelings of powerlessness, as we place the responsibility for our pain outside of



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significantly contributes to prolonged suffering in individuals facing pain or adversity. It is marked by a belief that external circumstances have complete control over one's life, leaving them helpless and at the mercy of forces beyond their influence. While real victimization does exist, adopting this mindset in response to life's challenges exacerbates suffering. Rather than taking proactive steps to improve their situation, those with a victim mentality tend to dwell in self-pity, reinforcing their sense of helplessness.

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Overcoming the victim mentality is a crucial step towards reducing suffering in the face of pain. It involves shifting from a passive, victimized stance to an empowered one. This transformation enables individuals to recognize their agency in effecting change, make choices, and take action to address their challenges. By breaking free from the victim mentality, people can emerge from adversity with resilience and an increased capacity to navigate

challenges with a more balanced and healthier perspective, ultimately reducing the suffering associated with the unattainable pursuit of perfection.

#### THE FIXED MINDSET

Carol Dweck, a renowned psychologist, introduced the concept of a fixed mindset versus a growth mindset. Those with a fixed mindset tend to believe that their abilities and traits are innate and unchangeable. When faced with pain, they may interpret it as a reflection of their inherent limitations, leading to suffering. On the other hand, those with a growth mindset see challenges as opportunities for learning and growth. They understand that they can develop and improve over time. Shifting from a fixed mindset to a growth mindset can greatly reduce the suffering caused by the belief that pain is an insurmountable obstacle.

#### SUFFERING IS OPTIONAL: **CHOOSING A DIFFERENT PATH**

The difference between pain and suffering is fundamentally rooted in our mindset and how we choose to respond to life's challenges. Pain is inevitable; it is a natural and necessary part of the human experience. Suffering, on the other hand, is optional. It is a product of our thoughts, attitudes, and beliefs.

To minimize suffering in the face of pain, we must adopt a more constructive and resilient mindset. This involves accepting that pain is a part of life, reframing our thoughts from "why me?" to "what can I learn from this?" and letting go of the victim mentality. Avoiding excessive complaining and blaming, embracing imperfection, and fostering a growth mindset are all crucial steps in reducing suffering.

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connect with others on a deep, empathetic level, as shared emotional pain is a powerful bond that transcends words.

#### THE 'WHY ME?' SYNDROME

The "why me?" mentality

lutions or personal growth. Complaining and blaming are two common reactions to pain. While complaining and assigning blame can provide momentary relief, they often lead to a cycle of suffering. suffering. Blaming others or external circumstances can lead to feelings of powerlessness, as we place the responsibility for our pain outside of our control. This mindset can keep us trapped in suffering,

for growth, perfectionists can alleviate the emotional burden of constant self-criticism. Embracing imperfection not only leads to greater selfcompassion but also allows individuals to approach life's

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## Will AI Write a Best Seller?

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🗖 tories define people – they shape our relationships, cultures and so-Cieties. Unlike other skills replaced by technology, storytelling has remained uniquely human, setting people apart from machines. But now, even storytelling is being challenged. Artificial intelligence, powered by vast datasets, can generate stories that sometimes rival, or even surpass, those written by humans.

Creative professionals have been among the first to feel the threat of AI. Last year, Hollywood screenwriters protested, demanding - and winning - protections against AI replacing their jobs. As university professors, we've seen student work that seems suspiciously AI-generated, which can be frustrating.

Beyond the threat to livelihoods, AI's ability to craft compelling, humanlike stories also poses a societal risk: the spread of misinformation. Fake news, which once required significant effort, can now be produced with ease. This is especially concerning because decades of research have shown that people are often more influenced by stories than by explicit arguments and entreaties.

We set out to study how well AI-written stories stack up against those by human storytellers. We found that AI storytelling is impressive, but professional writers needn't worry – at least not yet.

#### THE POWER OF STORIES

How do stories influence people?

Their power often lies in transportation - the feeling of being transported to and fully immersed in an imagined world. You've likely experienced this while losing yourself in the wizarding world of Harry Potter or 19th-century English society in "Pride and Prejudice." This kind of immersion lets you experience new places and understand others' perspectives, often influencing how you view your own life afterward.

When you're transported by a story, you not only learn by observing, but your skepticism is also suspended. You're so engrossed in the storyline that you let your guard down, allowing the story to influence you without triggering skepticism in it or the feeling of being manipulated.

Given the power of stories, can AI tell a good one? This question matters not only to those in creative industries but to everyone. A good story can change lives, as evidenced by mythical and nationalist narratives that have influenced wars and peace.

Studying whether AI can tell compelling stories also helps researchers like us understand what makes narratives effective. Unlike human writers, AI provides a controlled way to experiment with storytelling techniques.

#### **HEAD-TO-HEAD RESULTS**

In our experiments, we explored whether AI could tell compelling stories. We used descriptions from published studies to prompt ChatGPT to generate three narratives, then asked over 2,000 participants to read and rate their engage-



ment with these stories. We labeled half as AI-written and half as human-written.

Our results were mixed. In three experiments, participants found humanwritten stories to be generally more "transporting" than AI-generated ones, regardless of how the source was labeled. However, they were not more likely to raise questions about AI-generated stories. In multiple cases, they even challenged them less than humanwritten ones. The one clear finding was that labeling a story as AI-written made it less appealing to participants and led to more skepticism, no matter the actual author.

Why is this the case? Linguistic analysis of the stories showed that AI-generated

stories tended to have longer paragraphs and sentences, while human writers showed more stylistic diversity. AI writes coherently, with strong links between sentences and ideas, but human writers vary more, creating a richer experience. This also points to the possibility that prompting AI models to write in more diverse tones and styles may improve their storytelling.

These findings provide an early look at AI's potential for storytelling. We also looked at research in storytelling, psychology and philosophy to understand what makes a good story.

We believe four things make stories engaging: good writing, believability, creativity and lived experience. AI is

great at writing fluently and making stories believable. But creativity and reallife experiences are where AI falls short. Creativity means coming up with new ideas, while AI is designed to predict the most likely outcome. And although AI can sound human, it lacks the reallife experiences that often make stories truly compelling.

#### **CLOSING IN?**

It's too early to come to a definitive conclusion about whether AI can eventually be used for high-quality storytelling. AI is good at writing fluently and coherently, and its creativity may rival that of average writers. However, AI's strength lies in predictability. Its algorithms are designed to generate the most likely outcome based on data, which can make its stories appealing in a familiar way. This is similar to the concept of beauty in averageness, the documented preference people have for composite images that represent the average face of a population. This predictability, though limiting true creativity, can still resonate with audiences.

For now, screenwriters and novelists aren't at risk of losing their jobs. AI can tell stories, but they aren't quite on par with the best human storytellers. Still, as AI continues to evolve, we may see more compelling stories generated by machines, which could pose serious challenges, especially when they're used to spread misinformation.

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#### 2 VDG's Slain

in Urdu language.

In the letter purportedly written on the letter head of Kashmir Tiger, a warning has been issued to the people to desist from joining village defence groups.

The translated crux of the letter read, "Two active VDGs Kuldeep Kumar and Nazeer chased Mujahideens in the dense forests of Kishtwar area of Occupied Kashmir this morning. The Mujahideens of Kashmir Tigers ignored them but they (two VDGs) didn't give up the chase and came close. Mujahideens caught them. After they (two VDGs) confessed to all the crimes, both were executed. Mujahideens safely reached their hideout."

The letter also had a warning for the people who joined as VDGs.

It read, "Our records is clear, we have not killed a common Hindu till date. We are fighting against the Indian Army. However, some ignorant people (naive and gullible) are joining the VDGs and becoming a tool of the Army. Such people should take a lesson from today's incident and they shouldn't be part of VDGs. Otherwise, they will also meet the same date".

The fresh attack comes at a time when J&K is witnessing spurt in attacks on non-J&K work force and encounters.

Meanwhile, National Conference President Dr Farooq Abdullah and vice president and Chief Minister Omar Abdullah condemned the gruesome killing of two VDGs in Kishtwar.

The leaders said that such acts of barbaric violence remain a significant impediment in achieving the long-lasting peace in J&K. "In this hour of grief, their thoughts and prayers are with the families of the deceased," the NC wrote on X.

VDGs came in focus following a series of attacks by terrorists in Rajouri, Poonch, Reasi, Udhampur, Kathua and Doda districts in the Jammu region earlier this year that killed 22 people, including 11 security personnel and a VDG member.

According to the annual report of the home ministry for 2022-23, a total of 4,153 VDGs and 32,355 SPOs were engaged in Jammu and Kashmir in different responsibilities for the protection of civilians and anti-terrorists operations under the direct supervision of district superintendents of police or senior superintendents of police.

#### **Encounter Rages**

terrorists opened fire," he said, adding that the security forces effectively retaliated. He said that the operation is ongoing, with security forces continuing to monitor the situation.

#### 'Special Status'

the morning, pandemonium broke out as the BJP members protested against the resolution that was passed on Wednesday.

While Leader of Opposition Sunil Sharma (BJP) was speaking on the resolution, Awami Ittehad Party leader Sheikh Khursheed jumped into the well with a banner that read Articles 370 and 35A be restored.

This irked the BJP members, who also jumped into the well, snatched the banner from the Langate MLA and tore it into pieces.

There was a minor scuffle between the BJP MLAs and Khursheed. Finding the latter outnumbered, Peoples' Conference MLA Sajad Lone came to the rescue of the legislator from his neighbouring constituency.

Amid the din, Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather adjourned the House for 15 minutes.

After the House resumed its proceedings, the BJP continued its protest, even as the speaker requested the opposition members to take their seate process for restoration must safeguard both national unity and the legitimate aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir," it added.

Meanwhile, a group of MLAs, including from the People's Democratic Party (PDP) and Peoples' Conference, submitted a fresh resolution in the Assembly demanding immediate restoration of Articles 370 and 35A in their original form.

"This House strongly condemns the unconstitutional and unilateral abrogation of Article 370 and Article 35A, along with the enactment of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, by the Government of India," the resolution read.

"These actions stripped Jammu and Kashmir of its special status and statehood, undermining the foundational guarantees and protections originally accorded to the region and its people by the Constitution of India," it added.

The resolution was submitted by PDP MLAs Waheed Para and Fayaz Mir, People's Conference MLA Sajad Lone, Awami Ittehad Party's Sheikh Khursheed (brother of MP Sheikh Abdul Rashid alias Engineer Rashid) and independent MLA Shabir Kullay.

However, the BJP said Article 370 is history and it cannot be restored.

BJP MLA R S Pathania said it is "unfortunate" that the ruling NC has "compromised the integrity" of the Assembly and made a "joke" of parliamentary democracy by bringing a resolution that questions a decision taken by Parliament.

The opposition party has demanded that the resolution passed on Wednesday be withdrawn.

Talking to PTI, the speaker said the BJP's demand is unreasonable as only the House has the power to reverse any business passed by it.

"They are asking the speaker to take the resolution back. The speaker does not have the power. Anything passed by the House can only be undone by the House itself," he said. (PTI)

#### Fresh Art 370

Centre to work out a constitutional mechanism for restoring special status of the erstwhile state and hold dialogue with the elected representatives over the issue. The fresh resolution on Thursday was submitted to Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather amidst din in the House. The resolution was submitted by PDP members Waheed Para (MLA Pulwama) and Fayaz Mir (MLA Kupwara), Peoples' Conference MLA from Handwara Sajad Lone, Awami Ittehad Party MLA from Langate Sheikh Khursheed (brother of MP Sheikh Abdul Rashid alias Engineer Rashid), and independent MLA from Shopian Shabir Kullay.

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"These actions stripped Jammu and Kashmir of its special status and statehood, undermining the foundational guarantees and protections originally accorded to the region and its people by the Constitution of India," the resolution read. It also said "this House unequivocally demands the immediate restoration of Article 370 and Article 370 and Article 370 in their original, unaltered form, and calls for the reversal of all changes introduced by the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019".

"We further urge the Government of India to respect the constitutional and democratic sanctity of Jammu and Kashmir by reinstating all special provisions and guarantees intended to preserve its distinct identity, culture, and political autonomy," the resolution added. While the PDP and PC on Wednesday welcomed and supported the NC's resolution, they said the wordings in that should have been stronger. protested vociferously. They have not allowed the House to function for two consecutive days now, demanding that the Speaker either take back the resolution or step down.

Rather expressed amusement over the BJP binary of either asking him to step down or take back the resolution. "How can a speaker do it? My advice to them is to go through the assembly rules and then talk in the House," he said.

The Speaker said if BJP members did not have faith in him as the presiding officer of the House, they should follow the proper procedure of removing him.

"I have no worries but If they do not have faith in the Chair, shouting slogans is still not the way. There is a procedure of no-confidence motion.

"They should bring no confidence motion. If the House passes it, I will go back on my own whether any member tells me or not. However, they will not do that also but keep raising slogans only.

"This kind of cheap sloganeering is not done. They belong to the ruling party at the Centre. They should keep that in mind and they should be better behaved compared to others. Their behaviour is not right," he said.

On the marshalling out of some BJP MLAs form the House on Thursday, the Speaker said he has given clear instructions to the marshals to stop any member from entering the Well as some BJP MLAs stomped over the national emblem placed on Assembly Secretary's chair during their protests against the resolution on Wednesday.

"Yesterday, some members came into the Well of the House and stood on the Chair of the secretary, legislative assembly. There is the national emblem on his chair and they stepped on the national emblem with their shoes on.

"As a speaker, How can I tolerate that? When I saw it yesterday, I felt extremely sad. After all, we are Indians first. We should respect our flag and the emblem," he added.

Rather said an MLA has to lead by example for people outside the House.

"If he does such things, what will the Speaker do? So, I had given directions today that if anyone comes into the Well, he should be stopped. What is his job there? Anyone wants to speak, they should do it from their chair. How can they come in the Well and then stand on the chairs?

"There is a new woman MLA (Shagun Parihar of the BJP), she has also learned the same. She is doing the same things that the senior members are doing. She thinks this is what is to be done and she also stood on the chairs today. It has a bad effect on others," he said.

On the resolution by a group of MLAs from PDP, Peoples Conference and Awami Ittehad Party, the Speaker said he has not received it yet.

"It has not reached me. So I do not know. However, there is a proper procedure for submitting resolutions. It has to be submitted to the assembly secretariat and the secretary will examine and put it forward for orders to the Speaker. If it is admitted, the Speaker has to inform the government so that they can come prepared. You cannot bring a paper, read it in the House and call it a resolution," he said.

Rather said there are 51 first-time MLAs in the current assembly and he has planned a training course for them before the budget session.

"I wanted to have a training session for them on how to conduct themselves in the House but due to paucity of time between the elections and the session, we could not do it. "The NC wants restoration of the special status under which it can name Shankaracharya (hillock) as Takht-e-Sulaimani. How can BJP allow that? The BJP will not accept such a move or demand? We will oppose it strongly. We will not stop till such dramas and political frauds are not stopped," he added.

Senior BJP leader Smriti Irani on Thursday termed the passage of a resolution in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly seeking restoration of special status as an "attempt to divide India" by the INDIA bloc parties and asserted that it will not let them succeed in their effort.

Coming down heavily on the ruling National Conference (NC) and its allies, she said passage of the resolution in the JK Assembly on Wednesday amounts to "disregard and insult" to the "decision" taken by Parliament and the Supreme Court on the scrapping of Article 370 of the Constitution.

"The resolution shows the tactical support of the leaders of the Congress and the INDI Alliance to extremism and terrorism,' she told a press conference at the BJP headquarters here.

The Congress is not part of the JK government despite fighting the polls in alliance with the NC.

Slamming the ruling NC-led coalition government in the Union Territory over the passage of resolution, Irani said, "The government elected through the democratic framework is giving evidence of breaking India instead of working on development issues and uniting India."

After abrogation of Article 370, JK witnessed a decline in terror incidents by 70 per cent and the deaths in such incidents came down by 80 per cent, the former Union minister said.

"I want to assure all leaders of the INDI alliance and citizens of the country that the abrogation of Article 370, passed by Parliament, will not be restored. And their effort to divide India will not succeed," she added.

Irani also took on the Congress over the passage of the resolution in the JK Assembly and asked the party leadership if it stands for terrorism. She also asked if the Congress-led "INDI alliance" stands against the "economic and constitutional interests" of JK as well as the rights that the tribal population, Dalits, OBCs, women and children have got with the

revocation of Article 370. "What they seek is special status for themselves not the people of Jammu and Kashmir," she said.

The BJP members continued to protest in the JK Assembly on Thursday against the resolution and three party MLAs were marshalled out on the directions of Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather.

Reacting to the developments, Irani said, "Today, I stand as an Indian citizen outraged at the attempt by the Congress-led INDI alliance to bring to the floor of the House a resolution that stands against the Indian Constitution and opinion of the Supreme Court of India... I am today joined in my outrage by the people of India and the 'karyakartas' of the BJP."

Irani said the resolution passed by the "INDI alliance led by the Congress" brings to the fore many questions.

"The Congress leadership and particularly the Gandhi family need to answer whether they stand for terrorism and are against development of Jammu and Kashmir. Do they stand for the breaking of India rather than stand and abide by the Constitution," she asked.

"The question that the Congress-led leadership has to answer, particularly in the states of Jharkhand and Maharashtra, is does it stand against the valour of the citizens who donned uniforms in the Indian armed forces to protect us better," she added. provided the procedure so adopted is transparent, non-discriminatory/non arbitrary and has a rational nexus to the object sought to be achieved," it said.

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Penning a 44-page verdict for the bench, Justice Misra said extant rules having statutory force were binding on the recruiting body, both in terms of procedure and eligibility.

However, where the rules were non-existent or silent, administrative instructions may fill in the gaps, he said.

The bench said placement in the select list gave no indefeasible right to the appointment and the state or its instrumentality for bona fide reasons may choose not to fill up the vacancies.

"However, if vacancies exist, the state or its instrumentality cannot arbitrarily deny appointment to a person within the zone of consideration in the select list," it said.

The top court added that when a challenge was laid to the state's action with respect to denying appointment to a selected candidate, the burden was on the state to justify its decision.

The top court ruled that the 2008 verdict in K Manjusree v. State of Andhra Pradesh, which was doubted by a three-judge bench in 2013 while referring it to larger bench for authoritative pronouncement, was a good law and not in conflict with the 1974 verdict in case of State of Haryana v. Subash Chander Marwaha.

The bench said the 1974 verdict dealt with the right to be appointed from the select list whereas the 2008 verdict dealt with right to be placed in the select list.

"The two cases therefore deal with altogether different issues," it said.

It further said, "The appointing authority/ recruiting authority/ competent authority, in absence of rules to the contrary, can devise a procedure for selection of a candidate suitable to the post and while doing so it may also set benchmarks for different stages of the recruitment process including written examination and interview."

The bench said if any benchmark was set, then it should be stipulated before the commencement of recruitment process.

"But if the extant rules or the advertisement inviting applications empower the competent authority to set benchmarks at different stages of the recruitment process, then such benchmarks may be set any time before that stage is reached so that neither the candidate nor the evaluator/ examiner/ interviewer is taken by surprise," it said.

The top court said the 2008 verdict did not proscribe setting of benchmarks for various stages of the recruitment process but mandated it should not be set after the stage was over.

"This view is in consonance with the rule against arbitrariness enshrined in Article 14 of the Constitution and meets the legitimate expectation of the candidates as also the requirement of transparency in recruitment to public services and thereby obviates malpractices in preparation of select list," it said. The top court was answering the question

related to the appointment criteria for government jobs, referred to it by a three-judge bench in March, 2013.

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has also been placed on ensuring representation from Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, Minorities, and Women in the appointment of judges. (KNT)

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National Conference refrained from directly condemning the Indian government's August 5 decision to revoke Article 370, askminister in 2014, the country has been moving forward with a solid strategy against terrorism. We are committed to eradicating terrorism," he said.

Now the whole world has accepted Prime Minister Modi's zero tolerance policy against terrorism, the home minister said, adding that the government is committed to removing the evil of terrorism.

Highlighting the achievements of the Modi government against terrorism since 2014, during which terror incidents have come down by 70 per cent in comparison to the previous decade, Shah said now the shelf life of terrorists has decreased from two years to a few days.

He said due to the joint efforts of state and central governments, violence has been controlled to a great extent in Jammu and Kashmir, Naxal-affected areas and the northeastern states in the last 10 years.

Shah asked representatives of the state police forces at the conference, most of whom are DGP-rank officers, to invoke the anti-terror law Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act (UAPA) wherever required.

The home minister said the central government's anti-terror probe agency National Investigation Agency (NIA) utilises UAPA in all terror cases and as a result so far out of 632 cases registered by it, charge sheet has been filed in 498 cases, conviction in almost 95 per cent.

He asked the police chiefs of the states to establish a synergy down to the level of police station and set up a strong ecosystem against terrorism.

The minister underlined the need to legally strengthen the hands of the institutions fighting it. He said, therefore, the jurisdiction of the NIA has been increased by amending the NIA Act and now it can probe terror cases abroad too.

By amending the UAPA, authorities now have the power to confiscate properties and declare organisations and individuals as terrorists, he said. Shah said a 25-point integrated plan has been prepared to stop the funding of terrorism, including Jihadi terror and Left Wing Extremism. He said the scope of Multi Agency Centre (MAC), an intelligence gathering mechanism, was expanded, and SOPs were created under it to monitor cyber security, narco terror and emerging radical hotspots, which has led to success in preventing many crimes before they happen.

Shah said he has given medals to 11 NIA officers for their hard work and successes and it is just a small recognition of their extraordinary contribution in fight against terror. "Their contribution and dedication is much bigger and more inspiring than this medal."

The two-day anti-terror conference, that began here on Thursday, is expected to further enhance coordination among agencies to strengthen India's security bastion.

The annual conference has over the years emerged as a meeting point for operational forces; technical, legal and forensic experts and agencies engaged in counter-terrorism for deliberations on issues impacting national security and threats emerging out of terrorism. The key focus of the conference is on developing synergies among various stake holders by establishing channels for coordinated action against the menace of terrorism in the spirit of 'whole of the government approach' and to present substantive inputs for future policy formulation, an official release said.

The deliberations and discussions in the two-day conference will be focused on various matters of importance including prosecution and evolving legal framework in counter-terrorism investigations, sharing of

to take then beats.

As the protest continued, the speaker said, "I am very closely watching the activities of some members. Do not force me to do what I do not want to do."

Sharma, however, said "I want the National Conference's drama of special status to end", which infuriated the ruling party members.

The BJP MLAs raised slogans, such as "Balidan huye jahan Mookerjee, woh Kashmir hamara hai", while the NC members shouted "Jis Kashmir ko khoon se seencha, woh Kashmir hamara hai".

The BJP was referring to Syama Prasad Mookerjee, who founded the Bharatiya Jana Sangh that later became the Bharatiya Janata Party.

As the uproar continued, the speaker issued directions that nothing should be recorded or reported.

He then directed marshalling out of the BJP members, who stormed the well, leading to a scuffle between them and the marshals.

"They deserve it, throw them out," the speaker said.

While they were being evicted, the BJP MLAs came to blows with the marshals. Three BJP MLAs were marshalled out of the House amid thumping of tables by the treasury bench members.

Minister Satish Sharma stood up and said the BJP "is playing divide and rule". He said "Bharat Mata" belongs to all.

"The Constitution of India was on the table on which they (BJP MLAs) were standing yesterday. They were standing on it with their shoes on. They should be punished for it," the minister said. However, the pandemonium continued, resulting in the speaker adjourning the proceedings till Friday," the last scheduled day of the session. The House witnessed an uproar on Wednesday too as the BJP MLAs protested vociferously after the passage of the resolution. Eventually, the speaker adjourned the House for the day.

Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary moved the resolution that said: "This Legislative Assembly reaffirms the importance of the special status and constitutional guarantees, which safeguarded the identity, culture and rights of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, and expresses concern over their unilateral removal."

It said the Assembly calls upon the Centre to initiate talks with elected representatives from the region for the restoration of Jammu and Kashmir's special status and constitutional guarantees, and to work out constitutional mechanisms for the same.

"This Assembly emphasises that any

Speaking to reporters after the House was adjourned for the day on Thursday, Para said the NC and the BJP were "playing a fixed match".

"They (NC) bring a vague resolution and BJP chief spokesperson praises it. We want that abrogation of Article 370 be condemned and restoration of (Articles) 370 and 35A be mentioned (in the resolution). This is what we have put in the resolution and this is what people of Jammu and Kashmir want," he said. Para said the fresh resolution has been

submitted to the Speaker of the assembly.

Lone said their resolution has been named as people's resolution, which clearly and unconditionally condemns what was done on August 5, 2019.

"We do not want to criticise (the NC), but the NC should either support this resolution or pass the same resolution that we will vote for. Otherwise, they should say what is the difference between our resolution and theirs," he added.

He said the NC's "weak resolution" is a "humiliation and betrayal" for the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

#### **Can't Annul Resolution**

for its "cheap sloganeering" and said he cannot tolerate members entering into the Well of the House and stomping over the national emblem placed on the Assembly Secretary's chair.

"They (BJP) are asking the Speaker to take back the resolution. The Speaker does not have the powers. Anything passed by the House can only be undone by the House itself. Speakers cannot do it. The Speaker has limited powers in these issues... he has to preside, count and give decisions based on the facts before him," Rather told PTI.

The Assembly on Wednesday passed a resolution asking the Centre to work out a Constitutional mechanism for restoring special status to Jammu and Kashmir that was revoked on August 5, 2019. The resolution was hailed by Valley-based political parties while it prompted protests by the main opposition BJP which demanded its rollback.

The passage of the resolution led to an uproar in the House as the BJP members

We will have it now before the budget session in Jammu," he said.

#### **Art 370 Is A**

The Supreme Court has said that there is nothing like special status. It is as simple as that. This assembly which is a statute under the Reorganisation Act cannot question Parliament and the Supreme Court. There is no question of that," he said.

Pathania said the resolution, which was passed through voice vote by the assembly on Wednesday, was "a piece of paper, a piece of scrap", and "even if a peon or a clerk receives it, he will throw it into the dustbin".

"They (NC) have compromised the integrity of the House. They have made a joke of parliamentary democracy. This is unfortunate, and this needs to be taken note of by the people of J-K. They have been exposed. This (resolution) is a huge joke with the people of J-K," he added.

Referring to the deputy chief minister Surinder Choudhary and minister Satish Sharma -- both of whom are from Jammu, Pathania said, "there are some Jaichands from Jammu, but they have been exposed now".

"People have understood what they did. They have kneeled before pro-Pakistan and pro-separatist narrative. This narrative is a fraud and there is no legal or constitutional basis of that narrative. This narrative has resulted in the killings of security forces personnel and civilians," the MLA said.

Another BJP MLA, Shamlal Sharma, said the party would not allow the "illegal passage" of a resolution in the assembly over an issue that has been settled by Parliament. "There is no question of that".

On the brawl that took place in the assembly between the BJP MLAs and the marshals, he said the blame lies with Speaker Abdul Rahim Rather.

"The members do not have the right to bring such posters inside the assembly. We wanted to know how the speaker allowed that? Where was the security check? The situation in J-K is such today that if there is any doubt on any member, then he should be searched, he can bring anything inside.

"It started from there, so the fault lies with the Speaker. The banner should have been snatched away from him. He should have been marshalled out like the members of the BJP were," he said.

The BJP MLA was referring to Awami Ittehad Party MLA from Langate Sheikh Khursheed who jumped into the well of the House with a banner that read "restore Articles 370 and 35A".

#### **Our Resolution Shows**

passed a resolution asking the Centre to work out a constitutional mechanism for restoring the special status of the erstwhile state. The move was hailed by the valleybased political parties while it prompted protests by the main opposition BJP which demanded its rollback.

Addressing a gathering after laying the foundation stone of a bridge in the Ganderbal area, Abdullah said, "Your voice (about special status) was raised loud and clear through the resolution passed in the assembly yesterday. It has told the world what we want and what we have set out to achieve."

The chief minister said the National Conference's promises made in its election manifesto were in the process of being implemented.

"The promises we made through the election manifesto, be it about electricity, education, ration or gas, were mentioned by the lieutenant governor in his address (to the assembly). We wanted you to know that these promises were not just for elections but to be implemented as well," he said.

Abdullah said his government will work relentlessly over the next five years for the benefit of the people.

"We sought your mandate to govern for five years and, by the grace of the Almighty, we will not waste a single day. We will work hard to serve you.

"I told you that you have to work one day and that you did on the polling day. Now, for the next five years, we will work for you," he added.

#### No Mid-Way Change

"What is suitable for one post may not be for the other. Thus, a degree of discretion is necessary to be left to the employer to devise its method/procedure to select a candidate most suitable for the post albeit subject to the overarching principles enshrined in Articles 14 and 16 of the Constitution as also the rules/ statute governing service and reservation," the bench said.

It pointed out that the recruitment process commenced from the issuance of advertisement calling for applications and ended with filling up of vacancies and the recruiting bodies could adopt an appropriate procedure. "Recruiting bodies, subject to the extant rules, may devise appropriate procedure for bringing the recruitment process to its logical end

ing, "What stops the National Conference from condemning what happened on August 5 in both the assembly and the cabinet?"

Ruhullah, in response, pointed out his own attempts to address the issue in Parliament. "I raised my voice during the budget session in the Indian Parliament. I even ceded my time to MP Mian Altaf and begged the Marshal to give me time to speak. I used my allotted time to describe the injustice that Kashmir has endured," Ruhullah said, reaffirming his personal dedication to the cause. He accused Waheed of "passing judgment of betrayal without even asking me" and suggested that Waheed's remarks were an attempt to score political points.

Addressing Waheed's query on the condemnation of August 5, Ruhullah maintained, "The National Conference has a mandate for five years, and we are committed to fulfilling it responsibly." He expressed pride in his faith and ethics, stating, "I am not here to betray. I am proud of bringing my religion and faith into my politics."

Para, undeterred, continued his criticism, questioning Ruhullah. He remarked, "The National Conference is protesting in 'Khah'" (a Kashmiri term implying ineffectual resistance), casting doubt on the party's commitment to the cause and calling for a more outspoken stance.

#### New Counter

And that's why, we will soon bring a new national counter-terrorism policy and strategy in which you all will play a key role," he said at the conference being attended by chiefs of state police forces and other top security officials of states and the Centre. The home minister said the new policy will help states and central agencies to work in close coordination to deal with terrorism.

On the model ATS and STF, he said the standard operating procedures (SOPs) are being shared with the states and they can tweak according to their respective requirements. Shah said to make India developed by 2047 as envisioned by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, everyone has to deal with all security challenges and have a unified terror-fighting ecosystem.

"This (adopting model ATS and STF) doesn't reduce the rights of states," he said.

The home minister said the Modi government is committed to eradicating terrorism in the country and moving forward with a solid strategy against it.

Security forces have to well equip young officers and use technology to combat terrorism, he said.

"After Narendra Modi became the prime

experiences and good practices.

Challenges and opportunities related to emerging technologies, international legal cooperation and strategies for dismantling terror ecosystem in various counter-terrorism theatres across India will also be discussed at the conference.

The conference is being attended by senior police officers from states/UTs, officers from central agencies and departments dealing with issues related to counter terrorists and experts from related fields such as law, forensics, and technology, the release said.

#### **Govt Mulls Syllabus**

session from class 1 to 9 but students of class 10 to 12 will have to wait till next year to see a change in session.

As Kashmir is witnessing persistent dry weather adding more to the cold wave during morning and evening hours, Kashmir schools have prepared themselves for the exams ahead of the winter vacations, which are expected to be announced by mid December.

Reportedly, date sheets for annual exams are being printed and they are going to hold all exams between November 20 to December 5. "We are printing the date sheets and we will start exams soon. We will start from Kindergarten, from class 1 to class 5 and from class 6 to class 9," said Farooq Ahmed, who heads one of the schools in Srinagar.

Many teachers said that KG class students are feeling uncomfortable during morning hours even though school timing has been changed from 10 am to 3 pm.

"It's a matter of a week and we will conduct exams in view of the cold wave and winter vacations, "said Kulsoom, a teacher in another Srinagar school.

Parents too have demanded timely exams. "Exams should be finished in November

month and results should be out by December 5," a group of parents said. (inputs from agencies)

#### No Imaginary Line

about representation, the Chief Minister affirmed that the MPs from Kashmir would continue to advocate for Ladakh in the Indian Parliament. He added, "Ladakh, especially Kargil, should never feel alone. As an elder brother, Kashmir will always voice Ladakh's concerns on every platform." Former Chief Minister Dr. Farooq Abdullah, MP Haji Mohmad Haneefa Jan, Advisor to the Chief Minister Nasir Aslam Wani, former J&K Minister Qamar Ali Akhoon, and Chairman CEC LAHDC Kargil Mohd Jaffer Akhoon, also spoke on the occasion.

# STATE



**Observer News Service** 

PULWAMA: In a comprehensive outreach, MP Srinagar Parliamentary Constituency, Aga Ruhullah and MLA Pampore, Justice (Retd) Hasnain Masoodi today visited Sub-District Hospital (SDH) Pampore to evaluate the hospital's operations and address public grievances.

The visit highlighted evaluation of health care facility and community engagement, underscoring the commitment to accessible and affordable healthcare.

SDH Pampore serves an extensive catchment area, catering to over 1,200 patients daily. The CMO and BMO Pampore presented an overview of the hospitals services and apprised about additional requirements and resources for improving patient care.

During the inspection, the visiting dignitaries engaged with patients, hospital staff and local

residents, who gave vital feedback. MP Aga Ruhullah and MLA Justice (Retd) Hasnain Masoodi also examined various sections of the hospital, including the post-operative ward, Ayushman Bharat unit, X-ray facility and laboratory assuring meeting necessary healthcare standards. On the occasion, the public also demanded enhancement of recreational and sports facilities, including a well-equipped sports stadium and an indoor stadium.

Following the hospital visit, Aga Ruhullah and Hasnain Masoodi visited the Spice Park in Dusoo, Pampore, where they visited various sections and interacted with local farmers. As saffron farming is the backbone of Pampore's economy, farmers during their interaction raised certain issues and urged redressal including making irrigation facilities functional

#### Late Marriage, Obesity, Lifestyle **Changes Major Contributors To Rising Infertility In J&K: Doctors**

#### Agencies

SRINAGAR: Late marriages, lack of awareness about contraception, rising obesity and changes in lifestyle are some of the leading factors behind the increasing rates of infertility in Jammu and Kashmir, especially among women, according to doctors

Dr Barjasta Bahar, a prominent gynecologist at the District Hospital Srinagar (DHSK) said that there are several key reasons behind the growing infertility crisis in the region.

She said one of the most significant contributors is late marriage. As women marry at older ages, the natural fertility window begins to decline, making it more difficult for them to conceive, she said.

"The peak fertility age for omen is between 18 and 25

awareness system that encourages timely marriages, healthy eating habits, and weight management. These changes can significantly reduce the risk of infertility.'

Dr Rukhsana, another gynaecologist, said that Pelvic Inflammatory Disease (PID), an infection of the reproductive organs, is another serious issue contributing to infertility. PID, often caused by sexually transmitted infections (STIs) like chlamydia and gonorrhoea, can lead to long-term complications, including infertility. She also cited an increase in unsafe abortions, particularly those conducted by untrained individuals, which can result in infections and long-lasting reproductive damage.

"Septic abortions are a major cause of infertility, especially when performed by unqualified practitioners. These infections can permanently damage the reproductive organs," Dr Rukhsana explained.



PPEOPLES CONFERENCE (PC) CHAIRMAN, Sajad Ghani Lone displays a copy of a fresh resolution inside the legislative assembly condemning all actions taken on August 5, 2019 and thereafter. KO PHOTO, ABID BHAT

#### 'You Will Never Get Separate Jammu'

## **Jammu Leaders, Independent MLAs Counter BJP In LA**

#### Amid ruckus, BJP MLAs refused to take seats, Speaker adjourns House till tomorrow

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Jammu-based legislators and independent MLAS from Thursday took the opposition head on for continuously disrupting the House stating that "BJP has ruined Jammu region and choked its economy."

The Speaker Legislative Asterday that was passed as well.

the BJP leaders were up on their toes demanding scrapping the resolution passed on the special status in the House yesterday. They were, however, countered by the leaders

from the Treasury benches, especially those from Jammu. Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Choudhary accused BJP of "double standards" and ruining J&K over the past ten years.

sold everything in Jammu, you are responsible for the mess in Jammu," Choudhary shouted.

Food Minister Satish Sharma also countered the BJP stating that let the House do its job. "You will be made accountable by the people of Samba, Kathua and Jammu. Don't divide Kashmir and Jammu. You are the reason behind the wedge between Kashmir and Jammu. Do you want further division? By climbing the table where the Indian constitution was placed, you claim to be champions of Indian democracy. You should be punished for desecrating the copies of the Indian constitution. Jammu can't be

## **JKPCC Chief Voices Concern Over Dual Power Structure In J&K**

Says Governance Possible When Elected **Representatives Allowed** 



ing tensions between the local

administration and the Lieu-

The J&K Congress chief

leader said that an elected

government, chosen by the

people, should be the legiti-

mate authority in the region.

"An elected government re-

flects the voice and will of the

people, and it should be em-

powered to exercise its man-

structure is yet to be accepted

tenant Governor's (LG) office.

by the LG," he stated. Karra also criticised certain recent actions in the Legislave Assembly, particularly the

separated from Kashmir. We

have to take together Kashmir,

MLA Payare Lal also

launched a scathing attack

on the opposition saying, "By

raising religious slogans, you

can't win loyalty here. Come

and let's tour Jammu together, I

will tell you how happy people

of Jammu are over passing of

resolution on special status.

Your dream of having separate

Jammu will never realise. Re-

The speaker made repeated

requests to the opposition to

take seats, but they refused

and instead demanded the res-

olution passed yesterday in the

House be expunged. The leader

of the House Omar Abdul-

lah watched the proceedings

silently. As the opposition re-

fused to take seats, the Speaker

announced adjournment of the

House till tomorrow–(KNO)

member it."

Jammu and even Ladakh."

## Six Killed In Separate **Road Accidents In J&K**

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#### **Observer News Service**

SRINAGAR- Six people died in separate road accidents in Jammu and Kashmir's on Thursday, officials said.

Four people, including a mi-nor, died and two others were injured when a vehicle skidded off the road and rolled down into a gorge in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district on Thursday, officials said.

An SUV skidded off the road, rolled down a hill, and plunged into a deep gorge in the Gan-jote area of Mahore after the driver lost its control, they said. Three people died on the spot, while three others sustained injuries and were rushed to a hospital, they said. After receiving first aid, the injured were referred to the district hospital in Reasi, where one of three injured also succumbed to his injuries.

The deceased were identified as 40-year-old Manzoor Ahmed (a teacher), his 10-year-old daughter Ulfat Jan, 42-year-old Ghulam Mohi ud Din and his 28-year-old son Bashir Ahmed all residents of the Mahore tehsil. An 8-year old girl was crushed to death by speedy Tipper in Banali Boniyar area of North Kashmir's Baramulla district on Thursday.

Reports said that a minor girl identified as Rafiya Mushtaq a resident of Banali Boniyar was on way to school when a speedy tipper crushed her in Banali resulting her to on spot death.

The police has been registered a case in this regard for further investigations.

Meanwhile, a man lost his life after being hit by a speedy tipper near Zafron Colony area of Pantha Chowk in Srinagar on Thursday, officials said.

An official said that a middleaged man, riding a scooty bearing registration number JK05A-9747 was injured, after being hit by a speedy tipper vehicle near Khubani departmental store of Zaffron Colony, Pantha Chowk.

He has been identified as Abdul Rashid Dar, son of Abdul Khaliq Dar, a resident of Achanambal Zaffron Colony.

### **Veterans Commemorate 78th** Anniversary Of 'Battle Of Shalateng'

#### **Observer News Service**

SRINAGAR: Over 500 people, including war veterans on Thursday converged at Shalateng garrison to commemorate 78th anniversary of the historic 'battle of Shalateng' and recalled the display of valour by Indian soldiers to push back the Pakistani Raiders across the border.

According to the PRO (Defence), Srinagar, an Ex-Servicemen rally was organised to mark the occasion and to pay homage to the valour and sacrifice of the brave soldiers of the Indian Army. He said over 500 veterans, Veer Naris and dependants gathered in comradrie for the event and paid obeisance to the bravehearts during wreath-laying ceremony at Shalateng War Memorial and recalled the valourous and victorious moments from the recent Wars with Pakistan. Cultural and Marital Art display were the highlights for the young generation.

"The Battle of Shalateng was a crucial engagement that took place on 07 November 1947 during the Indo-Pakistan War, 1947-1948. It was a historic moment in Indian Military historv and that of Jammu and Kashmir when the brave soldiers of Indian Army deployed at the Shalateng Plateau, accomplished a remarkable victory with the help of the brave locals, stopped the advance of the Pakistani Raiders towards Srinagar, who were forced to retreat and were later pushed across the border," the PRO said. He said the rally aimed to unite the veterans with the current serving military personnel, ESM organisations, esteemed dignitaries, Government officials and the public who expressed gratitude and appreciation for the selfless sacrifices made by the Indian Armed Forces.

## Cop, Two Wives Arrested With Heroin In Jammu



sembly Abdur Rahim Rather adjourned the House till tomorrow as the opposition refused to settle down despite repeated warnings and requests. The BJP is demanding roll back of the special status resolution brought by the government on Wednesday yes-

Soon after the House met,

You sold Jammu land, you

years, but many women today are getting married in their late 20s or even in their 30s, by which time there is a notable decline in fertility," said Dr Bahar. She further explained that social factors such as poverty, unemployment, dowry pressures, extravagant wedding traditions, delayed access to higher education, and a long wait for government jobs contribute to this delay in marriage.

In addition to delayed marriages, Dr Bahar said that Polycystic Ovary Syndrome (PCOS), a common hormonal disorder among women of reproductive age, is also contributing to the rise in infertility cases.

"Obesity, lifestyle changes, poor eating habits and rising rates of diabetes are other key factors playing a role in the decline of fertility," she said. "We need to create a societal

Moreover, a lack of awareness about contraception and reproductive health remains a major challenge in the region, contributing to unintended pregnancies, unsafe abortions, and, ultimately, infertility. Doctors said that obesity,

sedentary lifestyles, excessive consumption of junk food, and the tendency to delay childbearing in favour of career or economic stability are all interconnected factors fueling the infertility trend.

"An appropriate age for marriage, better education on reproductive health, a balanced lifestyle, and regular exercise are essential to reverse the infertility trend in the region," the doctors stressed.

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#### Agencies

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Pradesh Congress Committee (JKPCC) president Tariq Hameed Karra on Thursday voiced strong concerns over the dual power centres in Iammu and Kashmir, asserting that this governance mechanism is detrimental to both the region and the country. Speaking to reporters on

the sidelines of the ongoing Legislative Assembly session, Karra called for an "inclusive and holistic" approach to governance, saying there is a need for the full empowerment of elected representatives. "Currently, we have two

power centres operating here, and I don't think that is favour-

behaviour of Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) members during a debate on Article 370. He condemned the BJP members for standing on tables, describing it as a serious breach of parliamentary decorum. "Such behaviour is unacceptable and able either to the country or to undermines the sanctity of Jammu and Kashmir," Karra rethe legislative institution. It marked, referring to the ongodoes not represent the values

upholds," he said. The MLA Shalteng Central voiced his disapproval of the religious slogans raised in the Assembly, saying such actions are incompatible with the secular and constitutional ethos of the country. "Religious slogans in the Assembly contradict the very principles enshrined in our Constitution. We must respect date fully and independently. the integrity of our democratic The reality of this governance institutions and maintain their sanctity," he said—(KNO)

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that any democratic society

#### **Press Trust Of India**

JAMMU: Police arrested a constable posted in the Crime Branch and his two wives during a raid on their house here on Thursday, and seized 33 grams of heroin and more than 2.5 lakh cash from their possession. The raid, conducted at constable Parwaiz Khan's residence in Janipur, also led to the recovery of 22 mobile phones, a weighing machine, and materials used for packaging the

narcotic, known locally as 'chit-

ta', a police spokesperson said.

Khan, along with his two

wives Nargis Bhat and Parveen Akhtar, were allegedly preparing and selling small packets of heroin, targeting local youths, when they were held during the raid, the spokesperson said. A case has been registered under various sections of the NDPS Act, and further investigation is underway. Khan, who was posted in the Crime Branch, has been suspended following the arrest, the spokesperson said. Janipur police are also inves-

tigating Khan's finances, as he reportedly owns two houses in Ianipur and has accumulated substantial properties.

#### OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT LEGAL SERVICES AUTHORITY SRINAGAR Dated: 29.10.2024 Present: Nusrat Ali Hakak

In the case of:

J&K Bank Ltd BU: Baghat Barzulla through Attorney Holder Javeed Ahmad Shera Applicant

V/S

Miss Syed Aruba Roshan D/o: Sayed Roshan Ahmad Shah R/o: Danowari , Chattabal, Srinagar In the matter of Substitute service through Publication /

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Whereas, applicant Bank has filed application before this authority in terms of Section 12-A of Act and Commercial Courts.

Whereas, number of notices were issued against non applicants on many occasions but services could not be effective due to insufficient /incomplete address.

Whereas, it has been shown to the satisfaction of the undersigned that service of non-applicants could not be effective in ordinary mode.

Therefore, the non-applicants through the medium of this notice are directed to appear in person or their attorney by or before the next date of hearing i.e. 22.11.2024

Sd/ Secretary (Sub Judge) **District Legal Services Authority** Srinagar

DIPK-7540-24

DT: 07/11/2024

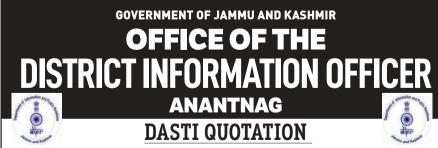
#### **GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE PRINCIPAL HIGHER SECONDARY SCHOOL, WANPOH** School Code: 01060305208 Email:- hsswanpoh@gmail.com

#### **TENDER NOTICE**

Sealed tenders affixed with a revenue stamp worth Rs. 4/= are invited from registered printers and publishers for the printing and supply of the Annual School Magazine "AYEENA" for the session 2024-2025. The magazine comprises of three sections English, Urdu, Kashmiri. The tender should reach the office of the undersigned within seven days from the date of publication of this tender notice in newspapers. A cash deposit of Rs. 5000/- (Five thousand only) in the name of the Principal Government Higher Secondary School, Wanpoh Anantnag should be submitted along with the tender as a security deposit.

Details of the tender including sample, size, quantity and quality of the paper etc. can be had from the school on any working day from 10:00 A.M to 4:00 PM. The conditional tenders will summarily be rejected, and the undersigned reserves the right to accept or reject the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.

> Sd/- Principal Govt. HSS Wanpoh Anantnag



For and on behalf of the Hon'ble Lt. Governor of Jammu and Kashmir, Dasti Quotation is invited from interested registered Agency for providing of 25 No. of Refill Commercial Gas Cylinders for office purposes (District Information Office Anantnag) during winter season 2024-2025 on requirement basis, which shall conform to the terms and conditions mentioned below:-

- 1. The Dasti quotation in a sealed envelope should reach this office by or before 13.11.2024 (12:00 noon) during working days personally or through registered post.
- 2. The rates should be quoted in figures as well as in words without cutting and shall be in accordance with govt. approved rates for this FY-2024-25.
  - Incomplete conditional quotations in any respect will be rejected.
- 4. The bids shall be opened 14<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 11:00 AM.

For any clarification contact the office (Ph. 01932–464427) of undersigned during office hours within the stipulated time.

No. DIC/Ang/2024 -772	DIPK-7547-24	District Information Officer,
Dated 05 - 11 - 2024	DT: 07/11/2024	Anantnag.

# SPORTS

## **Champions Trophy: PCB Ready To Follow** 'Hybrid Model', India Likely To Play In UAE

#### **Press Trust of India**

KARACHI: In an apparent climb down from its earlier stated position, Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) is willing to make "adjustments" in the schedule of the 2025 Champions Trophy which it is hosting with matches involving India taking place in the UAE, according to sources.

It could mean that the tournament may be held in the 'Hybrid Model' as the Indian gov-ernment is unlikely to allow its team to travel to Pakistan in the existing socio-political environment and security concerns for national team.

The last tournament that Pakistan hosted was the Asia Cup in 2023, conducted in a 'Hybrid Model' with India playing their matches in Sri Lanka as the government refused to permit the players' travel across the border.

'The PCB feels that even if the Indian government does not clear the tour to Pakistan, slight adjustments can be made to the schedule, as in all probability India would play its matches in Dubai or Sharjah," a reliable



source in the PCB told PTI.

The International Cricket Council (ICC), on its part, can't force any Board to go against its government policy and it will be interesting to see as to when the BCCI takes a final call on the matter. By the time, the final call is likely to be made, the ICC will

be chaired by India's Jay Shah. Meanwhile, the PCB is pushing the ICC to announce the schedule for the tournament by next week as some top officials of the world governing body are due to visit Lahore again next week. "The PCB has discussed with

the ICC the tentative schedule which they sent some months back and wants the same schedule announced on November 11," said the source.

"It has told the ICC that since a back-up plan is already in place with a revised budget there is no sense in delaying

releasing a tentative schedule of matches."

He said the PCB has also asked the ICC to push the BCCI to confirm if they will send their team to Pakistan for the February-March event next year.

'The PCB wants the BCCI to give in writing whether they get permission from their government or not to send their team to Pakistan," the source said.

According to the tentative schedule proposed by the PCB, the marquee Champions Trophy match between arch-rivals India and Pakistan is slated in Lahore on March 1 next year.

The tournament is slated to begin on February 19, 2025, with Pakistan facing New Zealand in Karachi. The final is scheduled on March 9 at Lahore's Gaddafi Stadium.

According to the tentative schedule, all of India's matches have been kept in Lahore for security and logistical reasons.

The PCB is spending nearly 13 billion rupees on upgrading its stadiums in Karachi, Lahore and Rawalpindi where the CT matches would be held, according to sources.

### **Short TAKES**

### Ranji Trophy: J&K Closing In **On Meghalaya In Shillong**

**Observer News Service** 

**T**&K needs 59 runs more to defeat hosts Meghalaya in Ranji Trophy today. Playing at the Meghalaya Cricket Association Cricket Ground in Shillong on Thursday, J&K looked a bit shaky but in command, as it began its chase, ending the day at 16/1.

Earlier, during Wednesday's Day 1, J&K bundled out Meghalaya for a miserly 73 runs in 37.3 overs. J&K quick Aquib Nabi (5/14) and spinner Abid Mushtaq (5/19) wreaked havoc on the hosts. In reply, J&K made 194/10 in 51.4 overs. Abid Mushtaq (37 of 43 balls) and Abdul Samad (34 of 34 balls) were the top scorers.

In their second innings, Meghalaya tried to make come back, making 195/10 in 59.1 overs, giving their opponents a 75-run target. Aquib Nabi was again the wrecker-in-chief, leading J&K with another five-wicket haul. With 59 still needed for the win, J&K will look to end the match early and earn a rare win in Shillong.

### 1st T20I: India Set To Take On **South Africa Today**

∧ s India firmly embraces a transition phase, a clutch A of second line stars such as Sanju Samson and Abhishek Sharma will be hoping for a breakaway series in the four T20Is against South Africa, starting with the first contest here Friday. It is imperative for them to shed the tag of sidekicks and establish themselves as the first-choice players in this format.

The seniors in the side like skipper Suryakumar Yadav, all-rounders Hardik Pandya and Axar Patel, the only member from the Test side here, will be hoping for a strong outing so that India can apply some balm over the wounds from their recent home series defeat against New Zealand. South Africa will be looking to add a touch of revenge to the series after losing to India in the T20 World Cup final in June, the last time these two sides met. Match starts at 8.30pm IST.

### **Pakistan To Field Unchanged** XI v Australia In 2nd ODI

Dakistan are likely to field an unchanged playing XI versus Australia in the second One-Day International in Adelaide on Friday. A source close to the team said there had been some discussion on handing debut to left-arm wrist spinner Faisal Akram but the pitch appeared to be more encouraging for pacers.

"The likelihood is that Pakistan will field the same eleven that lost the first match by two wickets in Melbourne. The same combination of four pace bowlers, Shaheen Shah Afridi, Haris Rauf, Muhammad Hasnain and Naseem Shah, who has been cleared to play after a slight strain in the first match forced him off the field," the source said.

He also said Pakistan would depend on their parttime spinners, Agha Salman, Saim Ayub and Kamran Ghulam, who were not called upon to bowl in the opening ODI, which Australia won with 17 overs to spare

#### **Germany Mistakenly Names Latvian Player In Nations League Squad**

Germany had to hurriedly revise its squad list for the Nations League on Thursday after accidentally including a player from Latvia.

Listed alongside players like Real Madrid's Antonio

## **68th National School Games Begin In Jammu**

**Observer News Service** 

JAMMU: Department of Youth Services and Sports Secretary Sarmad Hafeez declared the 68th National School Games open in an opening ceremony at MA Stadium here on Thursday.

The Games feature Judo Under-17 Boys category, which is part of series of events J&K is hosting in four sports disciplines of Judo, Wushu, Fencing and Football.

Thirty five teams from across the country, comprising around 350 athletes, are all set to vie for top honours by displaying their skill and talent. Addressing the gathering,



Sarmad Hafeez praised the achievements and activities

of DYSS. Welcoming the participants drawn from across the country, the Secretary underscored that such

**YSS Budgam Holds Refresher Training** 

**Course For ReK Teachers** 

sportsmanship.

the participants would cherish their time in J&K.

events foster unity and In his welcome address, DYSS Director General Rajinder Singh Tara expressed hope that

## Hyderabad Media Team Visits **Cricket Bat Manufacturing Unit At Bijbehara**

Ministry Of Textiles Has Included The Iconic 'Kashmir Willow Cricket Bat' In The Newly Notified List Of Handicrafts

#### **Observer News Service**

SRINAGAR: The visiting media delegation from Hyderabad on Thursday had a firsthand experience about the process of manufacturing Kashmir Willow cricket bats at a unit in Halamulla area of Bijbehara.

The delegation was welcomed by the Vice President of the Cricket Bat Manufacturers Association of Kashmir (CBMAK), Fawzul Kabiir, also the MD of GR8 Sports. He said that the Kashmir willow is getting international recognition.

Pertinently, the Government of India has officially designated the 'Kashmir Willow Cricket Bat' as a handicraft item, marking a significant development for artisans and manufacturers in Jammu and Kashmir. This move, initiated by the Ministry of Textiles, aims to elevate the Kashmir willow bat industry



Government of India and the Handloom & Handicrafts Department of J&K for recognizing the craftsmanship involved in making the famous Kashmir willow cricket bats of J&K".

"The acknowledgement will open new avenues for our artisans, ensuring financial security and promoting our products on both national and international platforms

BUDGAM: The Department of Youth Services and Sports Budgam commenced a week-long Refresher Training Course for Rehbar-e-Khel teachers on Thursday at Sports Stadium, Budgam. Scheduled from November 7 to November 13, this program is aimed at updating and enhancing the knowledge of Rehbare-Khel teachers on emerging sports and athletic practices.

The course was inaugurated by prominent members of the DYSSO Budgam Activity Section,



Gh Hassan Khanday and Shakeel sports, refresh their skills, and ur Rehman. They were joined enhance their instructional techniques to better prepare by senior Physical Education Masters (PEMs) Mohd Akram young athletes across Budgam. Bhat, Bashir Ahmad Sheikh and Participants will engage in various theoretical and practical sessions, gaining exposure to

Joginder Singh. The primary objective of this training is to familiarize teachers new games and advanced methwith the latest developments in ods in sports coaching.

positioning it to compete with the internationally recognized English willow bat.

The decision will allow bat manufacturers to access financial assistance, training, and welfare programs under schemes like the National Handicrafts Development Program (NHDP) and the Comprehensive Handicrafts Cluster Development Scheme (CHCDS).

Vice President of Cricket Bat Manufacturers Association of Kashmir (CBMAK), Fawzul Kabiir, said, "We are immensely grateful to the

We thank the Ministry of Textiles for this timely intervention, which will enable better access to resources and strengthen our heritage, Kabiir said.

The Kashmir cricket bat industry, primarily based in Anantnag and Pulwama districts, is home to over 400 manufacturing units and supports the livelihood of thousands of killed artisans.

The delegation is visiting the Union Territory as part of the Media Outreach Programme organized by PIB Hyderabad.

Rüdiger and Arsenal's Kai Havertz on the German soccer federation website was the name of Dario Sits.

Sits is a 20-year-old forward from Dutch second-division team Helmond Sport, where he's on loan from Italian club Parma. Sits made his debut for Latvia last month and the closest he's come to the German national team was playing for Latvia against Germany Under-21s in 2022.

Sits' name was quickly removed and the federation blamed "a technical error in the database" in an emailed statement to The Associated Press.

Otherwise, the squad for games against Bosnia-Herzegovina and Hungary next week contains few surprises. Germany has already qualified for the Nations League quarterfinals next year and is pushing to win its group.

## 'Free Palestine' Banner At UCL **Match Irks French Minister**

#### Agencies

PARIS: French Interior Minister Bruno Retailleau on Thursday criticised the unfurling of a giant "Free Palestine" banner at a Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) soccer match, saying it was "unacceptable".

However, European soccer's governing body UEFA said the club would not face sanctions.

Retailleau, asked if he would seek sanctions against PSG, told Sud Radio: "I am not ruling out anything. I will demand explanations from PSG."

On Wednesday night, fans from Paris Saint-Germain's hardline Auteuil Kop group displayed a huge "Free Palestine" banner before their Champions League game against Atletico Madrid, eight days before France play Israel in Paris in a Nations League game.

Their action took place as Israel pressed on with a military offensive in



Gaza that has killed about 43,400 Palestinians since Oct. 7, 2023, according to Gaza health ministry figures. The conflict broke out after Hamas-led attacks on southern Israel that killed about 1,200 people.

Israel has also carried

out deadly raids in the occupied West Bank. Qatar-owned PSG said

remain -- a place of com-

munion around a com-

mon passion for soccer

and firmly opposes any

message of a political na-

ture in its stadium," the

club said in a statement.

Minister

Retailleau

after the game it had not been made aware of any plans to display such a message.

"Paris St Germain recalls that the Parc des said: "Of course the club Princes is -- and must president is responsible.

I want to know how this tarpaulin arrived, how it was deployed."

UEFA told Reuters on Thursday that PSG will not face disciplinary proceedings as it only bans political messages deemed insulting or provocative.

"There will therefore be no disciplinary case because the banner that was unfurled cannot be in this case be considered provocative or insulting in that precise case," a UEFA spokesperson said.

Last year, the Scottish club Celtic were fined 17,500 euros for fans' waving Palestinian flags at a Champions League match.

Questions have been raised about security surrounding the France v Israel Nations League game next Thursday in a country that has the largest Jewish community in Europe as well as its biggest population of Muslims

## Struggling Captain Mbappé Once **Again Left Out Of France Squad**

Agencies

PARIS: Struggling to make an impact at Real Madrid, Kylian Mbappé has again been left out of the France squad.

The captain was not includ-ed on Thursday in coach Didier Deschamps' list of players for Nations League matches against Israel and Italy. Mbappé was also absent from the previous gathering because of a minor thigh injury.

But this time Mbappé is not injured and wanted to be selected, Deschamps said. "It's my responsibility to make decisions. I think it's better that way," he said.

He would not elaborate on his choice to do without the striker but said it was not related to recent reports in Swedish media that the former Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) star was the subject of a rape investigation "I'm not going to argue," Descamps said. "What I can tell you are these two things. One, that Kylian wanted to come.

"And two, it's not the extra sporting problems that come into play since the presumption of innocence exists

and must exist. It's a one-off choice for this gathering."

Mbappé's performances have been below par in recent weeks after he joined Madrid from PSG this summer. His struggles to adapt to his new side's playing style have coincided with a global rough patch of form for the Spanish club.

Mbappé was invisible during the 4-0 loss to Barcelona last month in the Clasico and wasn't a factor this week in a 3-1 loss to AC Milan in the Champions League. He hasn't added to his 48 goals for France since lune.

His absence from Deschamp's squad last month turned into controversy when he started a Spanish league game for Madrid following his omission, amid sharp criticism from fans.

During his time off from club and country, as France beat Israel and Belgium in the Nations League, Mbappé visited Stockholm. (AP)