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Govt focusing on self-reliance in creating logistics system: Rajnath Singh

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New Delhi: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday said India is rapidly moving towards "jointness" among the three Services and logistics in the defence sector is going to benefit the most with the development.

The Minister was delivering a keynote address in the Indian Army's 'Samanjasya Se Shakti' Logistics Seminar which aims to provide a platform to strategise smooth transition to self-reliance in Indian defence logistics.

"As you all are aware, with the establishment of the Department of Military Affairs, we have moved rapidly towards jointness among the Services. One of the areas which will benefit the most due to jointness is logistics," the Minister said.

He said that the role of logistics is also very important in the defence sector. Jointness between the three Services is a major dimension in the policy changes that have taken place in the Defense Ministry in the last three years, he added.

The Minister said that in order to integrate logistics in the

country, and to make it self-reliant, the government has formulated many important policies.

"This includes emphasis on infrastructure development through National Logistics Policy, PM GatiShakti platform, and through other



efforts. Apart from PM GatiShakti National Master Plan, the government has taken rapid strides in this direction realizing the importance of logistics and infrastructure. Today we are all seeing

the construction of world class roads, highways and expressways in the country," the Minister said.

Rajnath Singh said that there was a need for some common logistics at many places in Indian services.

"There should be common

resources," the Minister said. He said that ICT architecture is a very big and invisible architecture.

"Here also, all the Services have developed their ICT architecture. It is our endeavor that there should be inter-operability between these three Services, so that we can use our resources in the best way," the Minister said.

Rajnath Singh said that logistics in future wars will require jointness not only among the services, but also among all bodies of the country in the form of industrial back-up, research and development, material support, industry and manpower.

The Minister said that a robust, secure and speedy logistics supply system was an important requirement to take the economy of a country to greater heights.

Underlining the fact that India has become the fifth largest economy in the world and that the country fast moving towards becoming a 5 trillion dollar economy, he said that whether it was a battlefield or civil sector, the criticality of logistics sustenance is going to increase in future.

Terrorist killed, jawan injured in Shopian encounter: Police

Danish Monga

Srinagar: A newly recruited terrorist was killed and a security personnel sustained injuries in an encounter in south Kashmir's Shopian district on Monday, police said.

Security forces launched a cordon and search operation in the Heff Shirmal area of the district following information about the presence of terrorists there, a police official said.

He said the terrorists opened fire on the security forces who retaliated, triggering an encounter.

While one security force personnel was injured in the encounter, a LeT terrorist identified as Aqib Pall, a resident of Drawani - Imamsahib belt of Shopian district was shot dead, the official said, adding that the injured soldier of 44 RR was



shifted to 92 base hospital Srinagar for treatment.

In June this year, two terrorists linked with the proscribed terror outfit Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) were killed in an overnight encounter that broke out in Shopian's Kanjiular area.

In August, two terrorists with the intention of a suicide attack tried to breach an Army camp in Jammu and Kashmir's Rajouri and were gunned down by the Indian Army. Four army personnel had lost their lives in the operation.

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Cheer as Aharbal sees over 1.60 lakh tourists in 8 months

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KULGAM: To promote Aharbal tourist destination meticulously, the District Administration Kulgam and Tourism Department Monday organised a mega



festival at the famed tourist destination of Aharbal, here. These events were flagged-off by the District Development Chairperson, Mohammad Afzal Parry and Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam. ●P-02

'Medical Negligence' Authorities Shut OT, Suspend Surgeries At Ramzaan Hospital

DHSK says probe panel to submit report within a week

Jahangeer Ganaie

Srinagar: Authorities sealed operation theatre (OT) and banned surgical procedures at Ramzaan Hospital in Srinagar's Gogji Bagh area after alleged medical negligence cases at the facility.

Directorate of Health Services Kashmir spokesperson, Dr. Mir Mushtaq said that after taking note of the allegations of the family members of deceased women, who allegedly died due to medical negligence, the OT at the hos-



pital has been sealed while all surgical procedures have been suspended till probe is completed.

He said that CMO Srinagar has constituted a panel to probe the matter and ascertain facts about the allegations levelled against doctors there.

Dr Mushtaq added that the committee has been asked to file a report within a week and strict action will be taken if allegations are found true.

He said that patients admitted there will be taken care of but no new procedures are allowed till probe is completed.

He added that OPD and other sections of the hospital ●P-02

Depression rampant among People in J&K: Dr. Razdan

Loneliness, nuclear family, drugs around main reasons

Jahangeer Ganaie

Srinagar Like rest parts of the world, the frequency of depression in Jammu and Kashmir is on the rise and there are many reasons behind it, Dr. Sushil

Razdan said on Monday. Dr Razdan, a renowned neurologist said that frequency of depression is on the rise like rest parts of the country and many people are suffering because of depression. "The

main reason behind it include stresses of modern life, stresses in education, stresses at home, nuclear families, loneliness, presence of drugs in society and violence around," he said. ●P-02

MeT predicts light rain, thundershower in J&K

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Srinagar: The weather department on Monday forecast "mainly dry weather" with the possibility of isolated light rain and thunder in Jammu and Kashmir.

A meteorological department official said that no 'major change' was expected for the subsequent two days either and the weather was likely to remain mainly dry.

Regarding the rain in the last 24 hours till 8:30 am, he said, Srinagar recorded 0.5mm, Qazigund 15.2mm, Pahalgam 8.8mm, Kupwara 12.1mm, Kokernag 3.2mm, Gulmarg 8.8mm, Jammu 3.2mm, Banihal 1.2mm, Batote 9.2mm, and Katra 10.6mm and Baderwah 6.8mm.

As regards the minimum temperature, he said, Srinagar recorded a low of 14.2°C against

16.1°C on the previous night. The temperature was 0.5°C above normal for the summer capital during this time of the

In Pahalgam, he said, the mercury settled at 9.1°C against 11.3°C on the previous night and it was 0.1°C below normal



year, he said. Qazigund recorded a low of 11.4°C against 15.0°C on the previous night. The temperature was 0.3°C below normal there, he said.

for the south Kashmir resort. Kokernag recorded a low of 10.3°C against 14.0°C the previous night and it was 1.8°C below normal for the place, he said. ●P-02

J&K reports 22 fresh Corona cases

Jahangeer Ganaie

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Monday reported 22 fresh cases of Covid-19, taking the number of active cases to 352 while no more death was reported in the UT in last 24 hours and death toll stands at 4,784.

An official said that among 22 new cases, 13 belong to Kashmir division while as 09 to Jammu division. He said that the total number of positive cases in Kashmir have reached to 304,894 including 302,223 recoveries and 2,433 deaths, while total number of positive cases in Jammu division have reached to 173,865 including 171,400 ●P-02

Fruit growers demand smooth movement of fruit-laden trucks on highway

'Trucks stopped for 2-3 days, have written to LG for his intervention'

Jahangeer Ganaie

Srinagar: Fruit growers across Kashmir are worried as according to them they are facing hurdles in the transportation of apples to outside markets.

Growers said that with apple harvest, growers have started sending their consignments to different markets but fruit-laden trucks are allowed to move towards Jammu for only two to three hours on the Srinagar-Jammu national highway.

They said that trucks remain stuck in Qazigund area for two to three days causing economic losses to them.

They requested LG led administration to look into the matter and take immediate steps in this regard so that they would not suffer anymore.



President of Kashmir Valley Fruit Growers cum Dealers Union, which is an elected apex body of all Fruit Growers Associations in the Valley, Basheer Ahmad ●P-02

Amarnath Cloudburst fallout

Digital Contour Mapping for Amarnath Cave to be completed by Sep end: SASB

'Work going on in full swing, 50% work completed'

Owais Gul

Srinagar: The much-needed Digital Contour Mapping (DCM) is all set to be completed by the end of this month (September) with officials claiming that 50 percent of the project has been completed so far.

General Manager, Works, Shri Amarnath Shrine Board (SASB), R K Bhat said that the work on DCM is in full swing and so far 50 percent of the work has been completed.

"It is expected that the work will be completed by the end of



this month," he said.

Pertinently, the process could not take pace in wake of the annual pilgrimage and the inclement weather conditions.

The decision to conduct Digi-

tal Contour Mapping (DCM) of Amarnath Cave and its adjoining areas, announced by Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha was taken to prevent the human losses due to natural calamities.

The announcement was made just a few days after over a dozen people were killed and several others were injured in flash floods triggered by a cloudburst near the cave shrine of Amarnath on July 08, 2022.

The Lieutenant Governor had said that he has requested the Surveyor General of India to conduct a DCM ●P-02

Lumpy skin disease

Indigenous vaccine ready to control virus: PM Modi

Agencies

New Delhi: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday said the Centre along with states is making efforts to control Lumpy Skin Disease in cattle.

"Our scientists have also prepared indigenous vaccine for Lumpy Skin Disease," Modi said addressing the International Dairy Summit (IDF WDS) 2022, being organised at India Expo Centre & Mart here.

In the recent past, there has been loss of livestock in many states of India due to the disease, he added.

LSD is a contagious viral disease that affects cattle and causes fever, nodules on the skin and can also lead to death. The disease gets spread by mos-

quitoes, flies, lice, and wasps by direct contact among the cattle, and through contaminated food and water.

The inaugural function was also attended by the Minister of Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Parshottam Rupala and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath.

Minister of State for Fisheries, Animal Husbandry and Dairying Sanjeev Balyan was also present.



33690 animals affected in J&K

Additional Chief Secretary (ACS), Agriculture Production Department, Atal Dulloo on Monday chaired a meeting to review the measures taken for controlling the spread of Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD). Director Animal Husbandry Jammu/Kashmir, representatives of SKUAST Jammu/Kashmir, Chief Animal Husbandry officers of all districts and other concerned officials attended the meeting in person and through video conferencing. At the outset, the meeting discussed the recomm ●P-02

Special Summary Revision

Jammu Admin to organise special camps at polling stations

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Jammu: Discussing the procedure and preparedness of district administration for the conduct of Special Summary Revision 2022, Deputy Commissioner Jammu Avny Lavasa, who is also District Election Officer Jammu, on Monday said that special camps will be organised at all the polling stations in September and October. "Special Camps will be organised at all the polling stations on September 24-25 and October 1-2, 15-16 while the BLOs will be available at their respective polling stations along with requisite forms on the said dates," Lavasa

said while chairing a meeting with the representatives of political parties. The DC urged the political representatives to extend their cooperation in updating the electoral roll. The Representatives of the political parties were also asked to appoint Booth Level Agents (BLAS) at all the polling stations to assist the Booth Level Officers in conducting registration of new voters, removal of duplicities, addition and removal of non-existing voters. The Participating representatives were informed that the Draft Publication of the Photo Electoral Rolls of all the Assembly

constituencies shall be done on September 15, 2022, while the qualifying date for inclusion of new voters is October 1 and the claims and objections shall be received from September 15 to October 25. Responding to issues raised by the participating representatives, the chair issued directions to the concerned officers to take measures for redressal of the complaints related to election matters and Special Summary Revision 2022 and updation of Electoral Rolls. It was informed that the general public can lodge their grievances / complaints on the telephone numbers 2571616, 2571912

in district Jammu. Later, the Deputy Commissioner chaired a meeting of the District Level Task Force mandated to ensure safety of the bridges and removal of accumulated materials. The Task Force has been constituted for taking urgent measures for safety of bridges and removal of accumulated material due to heavy rains, on an urgent basis. The task force was directed to examine any threat to bridges due to the flash floods on account of accumulation of huge loads of river borne material and to ensure scientific removal of such material in a time bound manner.

India gave cooperative model of economy to the world: Shah

Greater Noida: Union Home Minister and Minister of Cooperation Amit Shah on Monday said that due to the tremendous effort made by farmers and cattle rearers between 1974 and 2022, India has emerged as the largest milk producing country in the world. Addressing the final session on the first day of the International Dairy Federation World Dairy Summit 2022, Shah said, "The Indian economy's global ranking has also jumped from 11th to fifth position. With this speed, we can soon become the third largest economy in the world. The cooperative sector will play a huge role in this."

Stating that cooperative societies have a history of about 120 years in India, Shah said, "There are many such organisations whose history is more than 100 years old. The world has given two models of the economic system, first the communist model and second the marketing model. India has presented the third model of cooperatives before the world, which has been accepted universally." Speaking on the occasion, Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath said that Uttar Pradesh will strengthen the cooperative and dairy sector with full commitment. "On the lines of Balinee Producer company, 5 more clusters are coming up in the state."

Yogi said, "UP's cooperative industry has a ton of potential. The state administration has set the goal of bolstering and promoting the cooperative and dairy sectors to propel a new movement for employment creation and self-reliance in the state's rural areas, drawing inspiration from Prime Minister Narendra Modi." The CM said that the government is trying to connect one member of each family with employment and self-employment in the next five years. "The cooperative and dairy sector can prove to be very helpful in this regard," he said. Listing the benefits of dairy products, he said that dairy is a complete nutritional diet in India and it should be taken to new heights. "With the cooperation of the Govern-

ment of India, Balinee Milk Producer Company run by the women self-help groups was established in 2019 in Bundelkhand district. This organisation works in six districts of Bundelkhand. Presently 1.35 lakh liters of milk is collected per day, with an annual turnover of around Rs 150 crore and a net profit of Rs 13 crore. The company has as many as 41,000 members collecting milk in 795 villages," he said. Yogi said, "It is a matter of good fortune for us that we are getting an opportunity to join this world-class conference in the NCR region of UP. The cooperative movement is in the hands of Home and Cooperation Minister Amit Shah and is bound to succeed."(UNI)

from FRONT PAGE

J&K reports 22 fresh recoveries and 2,351 deaths.

He further said that the total number of active cases in Jammu and Kashmir are 352 including 238 from Kashmir division and 114 from Jammu division.

With 106 more recoveries, the tally of total recoveries in J&K has reached to 473,623 which is 98.92 percent of the total cases.

"Among the fresh 22 cases today, 07 are from Srinagar, 01 from Baramulla, 00 from Budgam, 03 from Pulwama, 00 from Kupwara, 00 from Anantnag, 00 from Bandipora, 00 from Ganderbal, 02 from Kulgam and 00 from Shopian in Kashmir division while 09 are from Jammu division that include 04 from Jammu district, 02 from Udhampur, 00 from Rajouri, 00 from Doda, 00 from Kuthua, 00 from Samba, 00 from Kishtwar, 00 from Poonch, 02 from Ramban and 01 from Reasi," said the official.

As per the daily information bulletin 6,792,986 persons in J&K are under observation while 513 persons have been kept under home quarantine besides 352 persons are in isolation.

According to the bulletin, 6,786,461 persons have completed the surveillance period and 541 persons are under home surveillance besides so far results of 26,554,706 samples are available.

"Out of 26,554,706 the number of samples tested negative stands at 26,075,947 while 478,759 have tested positive, among them 352 cases are active, 473,623 have recovered and 4,784 persons have died," it added—(KNO)

Fruit growers demand

Basheer said that they have written to LG in this re-

nagar outskirts alleged medical negligence by the doctors after a woman died at the hospital. On September 9, another lady from Nowgam Srinagar also died due to alleged medical negligence. Hospital authorities have maintained that doctors tried their best to save the patients—(KNO)

Depression rampant

He said that depression is in all age groups and be-

It was 2.3°C above normal for the north Kashmir place, he said.

Jammu recorded a low of 20.8°C against 25.0°C on the previous night. It was 2.6°C below normal for J-K's winter capital, he said. Banihal recorded a low of 11.8°C, Batote 13.0°C, Katra 18.7°C and Bhardarwah 13.7°C.(With inputs from GNS)

33690 animals

endations of Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Government of India wherein the States and UTs were asked to go for mass vaccination and to ramp up testing. Several power point presentations were delivered wherein the status and controlling measures like vaccination, use of medicines, procurement of vaccines and sampling collections for testing were discussed in detail.

The meeting received feedback, inputs and recommendations from the task force teams, experts and scientists alike in order to contain the spread of the disease. Dulloo enquired about the status of the action taken with respect to vaccination, ban on movement of animals, fogging, rapid response teams, public awareness besides, sampling & testing, disposal of dead animals etc.

He called upon the concerned to implement all the guidelines of Government of India in letter and spirit to contain the disease. He impressed upon the officers to focus on vaccination of animals and migratory cattle in Behaks. Dulloo enquired about the availability of medicines while directing both the directors to ensure availability of required medicines in all the affected areas so that the spread can be tackled timely and effectively.

He directed the concerned to run awareness campaign and door to door inspections and visits by field staff to make farmers aware about the LSD. It was informed that till date 33,690 animals have been affected with LSD, out of which 22,800 have recovered. It was also informed that 1, 33,450 doses have been administered to the cattle across J&K.

Cheer as Aharbal sees

Dr. Bial Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat.

The festival witnessed huge hustle and bustle with visitors and tourists seen making purchases at the stalls set up by various departments, SHG members and Artisans associated with handicraft and handloom besides locals. The stall holders had put their attractions on display to woo the customers during the mela.

Speaking on the occasion, the Deputy Commissioner said that the event has been organised to promote Aharbal in a big way which possesses huge adventure tourism potential with beautiful and attractive scenic and adventure tourist sites.

He added that Aharbal and areas in proximity remained abuzz this season and recorded an influx of 1.60 lac tourists, visitors in the last 08 months.

Dr Bilal stated that to provide a wide range of experience to tourists, emphasis is being laid to promote Adventure and pilgrimage tourism to attract more and more tourists especially adventure loving people to these tourist destinations. Further, he added that near about 1000 home-stays are being developed in already declared tourist villages which will give a push to rural economy besides giving tourists an exquisite experience of witnessing local lifestyle, cuisine and culture.

DDC Vice Chairperson Shazia Jan, DDC members, Mohd Abas, Jameela Chowdhary, Ruby Jan, Gh Mohi ud Din and other PRI members were also present.

ADC, CEO ADA, SDM Noorabad, ACD, ACR, Tehsildar,

Officers from the Tourism Department and District Administration and a number of nature enthusiasts were present on the occasion.



gard and are waiting for his positive response.

He said that harvesting of apple and pear crops is presently picking up and needs to be transported on a war footing basis to destinations across the country.

"It is unfortunate that due to shooting stones at various spots on Srinagar-Jammu National Highway (NH44) the Governor's Administration has allowed one way traffic so that repair work on the road is carried out. But the traffic from Valley towards Jammu is allowed only for 3-4 hours," he said.

"It is not possible to cross the fruit loaded trucks within 3-4 hours with the result apple/pear in trucks are stopped on the way for 2-3 days resulting in damages to the fruit," he added.

He suggested that fruit laden trucks should be allowed to ply daily from 11 am to 3pm so that they could reach their respective destinations well in time—(KNO)

Digital Contour Mapping for Amarnath

of the Amarnath Cave and its adjoining areas—(KNO)

Authorities Shut OT, Suspend

will function normally. On August 25, a family from Theed Harwan on Sri-

haviour disorders are more besides that due to Covid-19, the number suffering from depression has increased and there are many reasons behind it. "There is a need to catch up depression cases at initial stage which starts from irritability, very less sleeping and there is need to pick up it at initial stage and don't allow it to grow in symptoms," Dr Razdan said.

He said that pick up is must besides that appropriate mental health care at primary, tertiary level and family support is must.

"There are many reasons behind neurological issues in babies and it can happen while when baby is in womb of mother, at birth and after day as well and they may be because of genetic, congenital defects, birth trauma, hypoxia, infections, small injuries etc," the noted doctor said. "If you will visit any hospital, around 25 percent admissions are of neurology and in children it may be above 25 percent as well."—(KNO)

MeT predicts light rain, thundershower in J&K

World famous Gulmarg resort recorded a low of 6.6°C against 9.4°C on the previous night. It was 2.6°C below normal for the north Kashmir place, he said.

In Kupwara town, the mercury settled at 14.4°C against 15.7°C the previous night, the official said.



Fazl ul Haseeb assumes charge as Director Tourism Kashmir

GMK NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar: Faz Lul Haseeb on Monday took over as the Director, Tourism, Kashmir, he was earlier Additional Deputy Commissioner Srinagar.



Soon after taking over, Haseeb convened a brief introductory meeting with the officers and officials of the tourism department and urged them to work with zeal for the promotion of tourism.

While interacting with employees of the department, the director of tourism in Kashmir said tourism is one of the important sectors of the state's economy, which generates a huge number of jobs and needs to be promoted vigorously.

He urged the officers to work tirelessly to ensure that tourists visiting Kashmir have a positive experience and become ambassadors for JK.

Bear, Cub Captured In Srinagar

GMK NEWS NETWORK

Srinagar- In a big relief to the residents of uptown Srinagar, Bear and a cub have been captured by a team of wildlife department here on Monday.

The wild bear had created fear and authorities now



say all schools can function normally.

"After 21 hours non stop operation, Black Bear spotted yesterday in Rajbagh area has been tranquillised. Great job by the Team led by Wildlife Department. Area has been scanned and sanitized. All Educational institutions in the area shall open normally as per daily routine," Deputy Commissioner Srinagar Aijaz Asad said in a tweet. The Bear injured a chowkidar of private school at Lal Mandi on Sunday. It has not been revealed so far by the authorities as to how the Bear and the cub reached the densely populated area of Srinagar.

Sopore boy becomes singing sensation; highlights social issues through songs

WARIS FAYAZ

Sopore: Khalid Sharif, an IT student-turned singer has become a new musical sensation of North Kashmir, who highlights social issues through his songs.

Khalid, a 19-year-old youth who hails from Naseem Bagh area of Sopore town in North Kashmir said: "I was interested in music since childhood but there was



no platform available. I used to participate in cultural shows in school."

He said that he initially used to learn basic ethics of music from cell-phone at home and later with the help of his cousin brother he purchased laptop which boosted him to learn more and more about music. "Though it was very hard to convince my parents because they didn't support me initially but I did not loose hope and tried to give my best and finally got the paren-

tal support as well", he said.

Khalid released his debut song 'Feeling High' this year in a restaurant at Sopore town where in various personalities including Rafiq Masoodi and others were present on the occasion.

"Feeling High' seems a song about love but actually is not, the song is all about the problems being faced by a person who has been caged in a situation wherefrom he/she could not come out of the trauma," said Masoodi

An amateur singer, Khalid has not received any formal training from any musical house or teacher. He learnt singing by watching the videos on the Internet. However, he didn't rule out the support of Shafi Sopori, a Sopore based singer, renowned RJ - Sahil Muzaffar and particularly his cousin Furqan Janwari who not only helped him but encouraged him throughout his journey.

Unlike other singers who sing to earn, Khalid spends his own money.

"I spent from my pocket for my music. I invest my money to popularise music because this is not only music but a message," he said.

In a message, Khalid said Society should guide, counsel the youth who are indulged or involved in the illegal activities, besides encourage them in such a way that they should not feel abandoned—(KNO)

J&K lags in implementation of key scheme for disabled persons

FAIZAN WANI

Srinagar: In a major concern, Jammu & Kashmir has not been able to take adequate benefits of a key scheme meant for purchasing of aids and appliances for disabled persons.

Documents lay bare that J&K's commissioner secretary Social Welfare department, Sheetal Nanda has expressed concern over the fact that Union Territory has not been able to take advantage of the scheme.

"At the outset, the chairperson discussed the features of the Assistance for

Disabled Persons for Purchase of Aids and Appliances scheme with all the members and expressed her concern for the fact that the UT has not been able to take adequate advantage of the scheme," reads record of the meeting held on August 29 to review the scheme.

According to the record note, the Artificial Limbs Manufacturing Corporation of India (ALIMCO) - the only agency for implementation of the scheme in the UT- is neither regularly reporting to the J & K Government nor their activities are monitored by the Social Welfare

department.

"Director General, Social Welfare Jammu, Director Social Welfare Kashmir and Executive Director Rehabilitation Council would hold regular interactions with ALIMCO officials. Director, Kashmir would particularly ensure enhancement of numbers of camps held and assistive devices distributed by ALIMCO," the minutes of the meeting state.

The directive has been issued as their activities have been on the lower side in Kashmir.

In the meeting, the executive director, Rehabilitation

Council was directed to collect monthly district-wise data about the number of camps held by ALIMCO.

"The chairperson observed that there are several benefits under the scheme which are available on a case-to-case basis but the UT is not recommending any beneficiary for the same. Also several special devices like Braille laptops, readers etc. are available for the visually impaired which are not being provided to them despite availability of readily identified beneficiaries," the record note further states—(KNO)

Schools moving court can't fix fee themselves: FFRC

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Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Fee Fixation and Regulation Committee (FFRC) on Monday said private schools, who have moved courts over fee regulation order and have now fixed the fee structure themselves, is illegal and void ab-initio. Justice Muzaffar Hussain Attar Chairperson FFRC said such schools which have fixed the fee structure themselves have 'violated' judgements of the Supreme Court and the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir & Ladakh, and mandate of the law.

"In most cases, in which the fee regulation order of FFRC has been stayed, as already stated, had approached FFRC for the first time. In these schools, in view of non-submission of proposed fee structure and record to FFRC previously, the fee was not determined and regulated by FFRC in respect of previous academic sessions.

In violation of judgements of the Supreme Court and the High Court of Jammu and Kashmir & Ladakh, and mandate of the law, such schools have fixed the fee structure themselves. This act of such school managements is per se illegal and void ab-initio, as fee structure has been fixed in breach of the mandate of the judgements of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and High Court and the statute occupying the field. Such fee structures cannot be recognized in law," Chair-

person FFRC said.

"The question of public and legal importance arises when Hon'ble Court stays the fee regulation order of FFRC, can a school be permitted to charge and collect the fee which it has fixed itself and which in view of the mandate of the judgements of the Hon'ble Supreme Court and High Court and statute, is impermissible? Can such schools charge and collect such fee from the students? The

answer in law is that such type of schools have no authority in law to charge and collect fee fixed by themselves," it said.

He said such type of schools will have to request the High Court to decide their writ petitions or seek clarification from the High Court about the fee which in law they are entitled to charge and collect from students which was earlier regulated by the FFRC. Such type of schools cannot fix the fee themselves and charge and collect same from students," the chairman FFRC said.

"Keeping in abeyance of fee regulation order of FFRC by the High Court, would not and will not authorize school managements to fix fee structure at their sweet will and charge same from

students, same being not permitted by the Supreme Court and the High Court and the statutes occupying the field," it added.

"No person can be permitted to abuse and misuse the process of Court to secure a legally impermissible benefit. Court orders protect legal rights and do not protect illegal acts. In these type of cases, the High Court has only kept in abeyance/stayed fee regulation orders, and has not autho-



riated school managements to fix fee of any type themselves," it said.

"All the private school managements falling in the aforementioned categories will have to follow the mandate of law and charge and collect fee accordingly. In view of legal position, they, in no circumstances, can fix fee themselves and charge and collect it from the students," the FFRC said.

J&K Authorities rule out possibility of upgrading Govt Schools

BHAT IMRAN

Srinagar: Following the directives from Ministry of Education (MoE) regarding the possibility of upgradation of government-run schools in Jammu and Kashmir, authorities Monday said there were least chances for upgrading any government school or establishing senior secondary schools for the coming few years.

The MoE has said that there should be a targeted and saturation approach for expansion of secondary and senior Secondary education.

"To achieve 100 percent Gross Enrollment Ratio (GER) at all levels as envisaged in New Education Policy (NEP) 2020, it is of utmost importance that adequate facilities in terms of infrastructure and quality education are available at the secondary level. Therefore, Samagra Shiksha will focus on saturation of certain key aspects in the next 4 years," MoE said.

It also said that this kind of targeted approach will lead to universal access and affordable quality education for all at secondary stage for the age group of 14-18 years in the next 4 years, starting with the aspirational districts.

About the opening of new Secondary, senior secondary schools, MoE said, "In order to ensure 100 percent

Gross Access Ratio (GAR), the Department of School Education and Literacy of Government of India (GoI) has conducted a Geographical Information Centre (GIS) mapping exercise to find out the requirement of secondary and senior secondary schools in a scientific and realistic manner.

"While calculating GAR and preparing the proposal for opening of the new secondary and senior secondary school based on GIS mapping, the respective government must consider availability of government aided and private unaided schools also in the vicinity as per the distance norms," MoE said.

In this regard, the ministry has requested all the States and Union Territories (UTs) to send the proposals for opening of new secondary and senior secondary schools based on GIS Mapping done by MoE.

Project Director Samagra Shiksha, Deep Raj said, "The new schools are being established or upgraded as per the feasibility and requirement like, radius between one school to another, enrollment of the

will definitely consider it," he said.

Pertinently, the Kashmir region in the Union Territory has a total of 805 secondary and 378 senior secondary.

According to the figures maintained by the Directorate of School Education



school."

He said, "At all levels, the School Education Department in Jammu and Kashmir is 99 percent saturated as per the feasibility report."

Raj said that the department has 99 percent of GAR among the schools at all levels. "I don't think that we have to establish or upgrade any school for now. We have not even requested the MoE about it."

"However, in case if we feel like there is a need or possibility to establish any new school, the department

Kashmir (DSEK), a total of 1,18,176 new admissions were recorded by the department in a mass enrollment drive.

The figures reveal that the highest percentage of new admissions was recorded in south Kashmir's Kulgam district wherein the student enrolment has increased by 22.79 percent. Before the enrollment drive, there were a total of 44,559 students enrolled in government-run schools. However, after the drive, the district has recorded 10,156 new admissions—(KNO)

Qazigund Tehsil office working out of cramped building, people suffer

UMAISAR GULL GANIE

Qazigund: Eight years after Qazigund (the gate way of Kashmir) was elevated as Tehsil, the office is functioning from an old Niabat building with insufficient space causing inconvenience to officials as well as

side the office.

An employee pleading anonymity said that they are facing a lot of problems due to space shortage and are unable to cater to the people of about 20 villages.

He said that authorities are well aware about the issue but no steps



public. The building has four rooms comprising offices of Tehsildar, Naib Tehsildar and the rest for subordinates.

Residents of the area said that Qazigund was upgraded to territorial Tehsil in 2014 but the Tehsil office is functioning out of an old building with space crunch. They said that people of the area are facing problems especially during erratic weather conditions.

Ajaz Bhat, a local resident said that electric wires are dangling low in front of the office posing risk to people waiting out-

are being taken in this regard.

Locals said that there is state land available at many places along the national highway in the area and authorities can construct new buildings there.

Tehsildar Qazigund, Muneer Khan said they are identifying land for Tehsil office and a residential quarter. "After digitization, we will send the papers to higher ups", he said.

Deputy Commissioner Anantnag Dr Basharat Qayoom assured he will look into the matter—(KNO)

Public parks transferred to SMC 2 years back in shambles

Dy Mayor admits dearth of gardeners

AGENCIES

Srinagar: Majority of the public parks transferred from floriculture department to Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) nearly two years ago, are in shambles as the corporation faces dearth of gardeners, leaving the local populace to lurch at large.

Sources privy to the development said that 12 gardeners were sent on deputation from the floriculture department to SMC soon after the government ordered transfer of nearly 140 public parks in Srinagar to the corporation.

"The gardeners were sent on deputation in a bid to train the gardeners from SMC. However, all the gardeners of SMC have got superannuation and since then no recruitment has been done in this regard to fill vacan-

cies," sources said. They said that the 12 gardeners on deputation are presently taking care of some of the gardens as it is impossible for them to manage the work at nearly 140 parks.

The local populace, however, said that the beautification of the public parks have gone for a toss as there is hardly any public park which has been beautified in the past two years.

Deputy Mayor, SMC, Parvaiz Qadri when contacted, told KNO that there is dearth of gardeners as the vacancies after the superannuation of previous caretakers. "There is a need to utilize the funds meant for the gardens. The funds are not being used. Besides, the meagre number of gardeners is not able to beautify the gardens properly," he said—(KNO)

Rana pitches for Holiday on Birth Anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh

GMK NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU: Senior BJP leader Mr Devender Singh Rana Monday strongly pitched for a Public Holiday on the Birth Anniversary of Maharaja Hari Singh Ji and made a passionate appeal to Lieutenant Governor Mr Manoj Sinha for conceding to the overwhelming public demand.

"The people are sentimentally attached to the Maharaja Sahib, not only for signing the instrument of accession of Jammu and Kashmir with the dominion of India but also for his public friendly, progressive and development oriented initiatives," Mr Rana said in a statement, adding that vast mass of people, nostalgically recall the Maharaja's rule as golden era said Mr Rana while interacting with different people from different segments of the society here today.

Mr Rana said that Maharaja Bahadur's golden era is the brightest chapter of Jammu and Kashmir's history and recognizing his contribution towards the

people is a long pending mass demand transcending beyond communities and regions. He said the Maharaja Sahib was a peoples' Maharaja, who dedicated his entire life towards upliftment of his state and welfare of its subjects, irrespective of caste, creed, region or religion.

He hoped for an early decision with regard to the most popular demand in deference to the wishes of the people. "This will be a humble tribute to the memory of the Maharaja Bahadur by the indebted people of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh", he said, adding that he has been vehemently pleading as part of popular movement over the years for a public holiday on birth anniversary of the Maharaja. Earlier, Mr Rana met and congratulated Er Ghulam Ali Khatana on his nomination as Member Parliament in Rajya Sabha, describing it as yet another major initiative towards empowering the marginalized segments of the society by giving them voice in the highest temple of democracy in the country.

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EDITORIAL

REDUCE, REUSE & RECYCLE

Life is blended in this ecosystem which has everything in place in a definite proportion. Any disturbance in this proportion is lightly to bring disasters which shall be detrimental to the basic existence of the life on this planet. Therefore the environmental conservation for the perpetuity of life becomes immensely significant. "Zindagi kya ha anasir mai zahoor -e -tarteeb, Maut kya ha inhi ajzaa ka pareshan hona". This couplet signifies that life is blended in a fixed proportion as disturbance will lead to death of living creatures. Let us tell them, for your tomorrow we have sacrificed our today, for the perpetuity of the human race or mankind, endless sacrifices have to be made. The environment is the toil put in by our ancestors and has been passed to us as an inheritance. As good citizens, we have to pass our progeny to our future generation at least as it is, if not in an improved manner. The environment is bestowing peace and in return, man is in hurry to destroy it. Earth is a better place to live in and a good environment not just because they have to survive but to realize the unlimited favors of the environment towards us. Almighty has created everything in accordance and systematically to make our lives easy and no one has right to destroy the existence of nature. Protecting the environment is the responsibility of every person and many times we fail to fulfill our promises. It is not duty of a single person or a group but all the people who are a part of this world. Let us start from our homes first. A proper planning must be done. As this world belongs to us one must feel the pain of nature. Let us take an oath to improve environmental conditions as a wise man will never say that the river is filthy but will come forward to clean it.

BY HAROON IBN RASHEED



Man has been created by Allah to worship Allah and to follow Allah's laws to prove that his life is spent in obedience to Allah alone. A person has to live in this world and serve Allah and perform righteous deeds in the Hereafter, and the ways of doing righteous deeds as told by the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) by practicing and adopting them, he has to do this great work. Man will be able to do justice to his great position. Being a human being, man should uphold the laws by which he can maintain his status. In this regard, Allah has sent His prophets and messengers to guide mankind, making man aware of his position and also guiding him as to how he will be able to please his Lord. He has fulfilled his responsibility well and the last link in this chain is the great personality of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) that he fulfilled the duty of guiding mankind by making an unparalleled struggle in the holy days of his life for the welfare and success of mankind. The world will remember it forever. The Holy Prophet (PBUH) took difficult steps and worked for the ascension of humanity and lifted a falling person and bound him, gave light to a person trapped in darkness, and showed him the right path. He blessed the women by giving back the rights they had taken away and gave them the position that the woman gained a place of honor in society, otherwise, the woman looked helpless and weak, she was considered a defect in society and she was killed in the name of so-called honor. used to go So when the Prophet, may God bless him and grant him peace, came, he gave her the status that being a mother, she was given the good news that under your feet there is a paradise for children and being a daughter, you are a mercy for the father. And thus, by becoming a sister, she was awarded with even more basic and legitimate rights. Islam has given many favors to human

beings which are also innumerable and priceless. It is Allah's favor to the whole world that Allah sent Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) for the last time to guide and guide mankind and revealed the Qur'an to him and blessed him with the position of the Seal of the Prophets and declared this ummah to be the last ummah. The last ummah has great responsibilities and the biggest responsibility among these responsibilities is to convey the call of God's religion to the servants of God. The servants of Allah should be informed about the will of Allah and should also be informed about those things that will displease Allah. The purpose of the precious life of man is also that he should live in this short world and work for eternal life (hereafter) so that the real purpose of life

Allah himself and inspires others to do this good deed. Many such people were seen in the world who misused the blessings given by Allah and spread mischief on earth and violated the rights of Allah's servants and became victims of Allah's displeasure. History knows such people by the name of rebels and there have been people who have continuously strived to restore the rights of the servants of Allah and left such indelible impressions that the world salutes them. The meaning is clear that a man should do good in his life. It is narrated from Hazrat Abu Saeed Al-Khudri that the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: A man giving one dirham in charity during his life is better for him than giving a hundred dirhams in charity at the time of his death (Abu Dawud).

all know what is essential for soul food. Human experience tells us that until man has established his relationship with his Creator, his soul cannot find peace. After this relationship, those morals were born in man without which social happiness cannot be achieved. As a result of the commitment of this relationship, those human qualities were born and continue to develop, which have become the cause of our happiness. Therefore, the spirit of goodness keeps the heart alive and the heart becomes dead with evil. Therefore, a person should continue to remember God at all times and at every step and remember death as well. Man's stay in this world is very short. After leaving this world, he will have to face the world of Barzakh and then the world of the hereafter. If the belief in the hereafter is firmly established in him, he will surely focus on righteous deeds and try to save himself from evil and in this way, he will also achieve the real purpose of life for which Allah gave him life. Is. Therefore, a wise person is one who will do righteous deeds himself and at the same time inspire others to do the same. Man is the caliph of Allah on earth, his job is to use the blessings given by Allah on earth according to His will. He has no right to do what he wants here. The kingdom belongs to Allah. By doing this, man can do justice to the purpose of life. If it does the opposite, it will fail to achieve the goal of life. Man's effort should be to carry out the orders given to him by his Lord. The world is a place of conflict, there has always been a struggle between right and wrong. There has always been a contest between truth and falsehood. And history has proved that the victory has always been of the truth and only those who spoke the truth found the purpose of life. Even though they had to suffer hardships and had to face taunts and mockery, but still these people continued to be examples of this poem.



is achieved. Living in the world, humans came to serve the weak and the weak. Let him shine in the darkness, show the way to those who are in the way, save himself from the curses of the people, receive the prayers of the poor and the poor, bless the people who are far from knowledge with the light of knowledge, and try to pay the rights of the parents himself. And make others aware of their rights, respect the teacher, treat the student with love, pay the rights of those who have rights from their wealth, and convey their rights to them. Therefore, Hazrat should try to become a human being by cultivating high and lofty principles. A good person is one who serves

In this blessed hadith, the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) encourages the people of the Ummah to do righteous deeds in life and appreciate the great blessings of life. It is a clear fact that man is not a body but also a soul. For the peace of the soul, it needs food; if you deprive it of food, it will remain restless, and after its restlessness, if you treat the nourishment and care of the body as sufficient, you will find peace and contentment. Will not get it. Today man is a victim of the same deception. He is completely unconcerned by soul food. There is only the body and its pleasures in front of him, the result of which is that he does not have any peace. We

"Men bold and firm uphold the truth and let no fears assail their hearts. No doubt, the mighty Lions of God know no tricks and know no arts." The one who sacrifices even life for the sake of the right path finds the purpose of life. Because it has the spirit of truth and sincere intention, while studying history, there are such forward-looking people who made life pure and beautified the life hereafter and left behind those impressions that are seen by intellectuals, scholars, and scholars. Even today Iman is jealous of them. Author can be mailed at warha-roon406@gmail.com

WHY WE NEED AN ALTERNATIVE PARADIGM FOR CHECKING CLIMATE CHANGE

BY BHARAT DOGRA



While scientists and activists have done well to establish the urgency of checking climate change before it is too late, it is increasingly clear that the current paradigm of checking climate change is not working. Briefly, it has to be changed in ways which will link it very closely to checking militarism and inequalities while promoting peace and justice, preventing all wars, eliminating all WMDs (weapons of mass destruction) as well as eliminating all HBP (hypocrisy of big polluters). A basic reason of the urgency of checking climate change is that it will change climate and daily weather conditions in ways that will make our once bountiful and beautiful planet increasingly inhospitable and then inhabitable for humanity and most other forms of life. However what climate change can cause in a few years or decades can be caused by WMDs within a few days if there is actual use, intended or accidental, of less than one per cent of the current stock of nuclear weapons (not to mention the destructive potential of several other WMDs). This one well-established factor should be adequate (there are several others) to convince all sincere climate activists that both tasks—checking GHG emissions as well as eliminating WMDs—should be pursued together as the biggest challenge facing humanity. Military activities and equipment constitute the biggest single source of GHG emissions which is almost entirely avoidable in a peaceful world, and eliminating which will cause no decline in human welfare; it will only increase human welfare. Hence a future without wars and with mini-

mum military activity should be an integral part of climate activism. This should come with a guarantee that no military personnel will lose jobs or income; they will merely shift, with retraining, to such tasks as disaster prevention and rescue, ecological rehabilitation etc. It is only in conditions of peace and stability, and much increased international cooperation and understanding based on this, that the world will be able to resolve the most critical environmental problems including climate change. Checking climate change involves several restraints. However, this should not lead to any deprivation of those people and communities who are already at subsistence levels or in deeper poverty and in no way responsible for climate change. Hence the efforts to check climate change should be accompanied by efforts to ensure that basic needs of all people are met, arriving at a balance of social justice and environmental protection. Once we attempt this task, we realize that within a limited environmental space ensuring needs for all also involves the reduction of harmful goods (weapons, alcohol, tobacco, toxic industrial chemicals in daily use etc.) as well as extreme luxury goods. Making justice an integral part of the climate agenda also helps to secure more enthusiastic involvement of the working classes in this task, and they are the ones who can contribute the most. Improving international justice and equality is also most helpful, but the increased funds which flow to the poorer countries should reach the genuinely needy, instead of being grabbed by ever-too-willing elites. The climate agenda is unfortunately in the process of being co-opted and misused by some of the biggest polluters, who would like to go on expanding their highly polluting businesses by just giving it a cunning climate twist—providing some spin to justify these in terms of climate change. This tendency of big business may be called HFG (hypocrisy and falsehood gas) emissions. An increase of HFG emissions will only contribute to continuing increase of GHG emissions, no real reduction. Several changes are needed due to multiple welfare reasons, but these will also help to reduce GHG emissions in signifi-

cant ways. Such areas of change should be identified carefully for special attention. Shifting to natural farming based on small farmers, producing more diverse food closer to consumption place in highly decentralized ways, is really needed for protecting food safety, human health, soil health, and sustainable livelihoods. At the same time, such a worldwide change will contribute very significantly to reducing GHG emissions on a sustainable basis. Reducing the consumption of alcohol, tobacco, and all intoxicants is very important for improving human health and several other social gains as well, but this can contribute a lot to reducing GHG emissions as well. On the other hand, trying to base the

other forms of life. In other words, we must change the prevailing development pattern and ideology on which it is based. However, the existing paradigm of climate change is one of largely preserving the status quo of the present-day world, with some tinkering focused on mainly reducing fossil fuels. This is a very reductionist model which ignores very important linkages and cannot succeed in any comprehensive sense. The world's responses are increasingly departmentalized and narrow. The scientist gives facts and figures, the politician makes vague commitments, others issue rhetoric, and then over to the next conference. However, the basic task of real change by initiating and then carrying forward, rapidly and with great commitment, an integrated, far-reaching agenda combining environmental protection, justice and peace has remained largely neglected. This is a challenge that waits to be taken up worldwide with great commitment. (C-Counter Currents) Bharat Dogra is Honorary Convener, Campaign to Save Earth Now. His recent books include Planet in Peril, Man over Machine, A Day in 2071, Protecting Earth for Children and Earth Without Borders.



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Hasnain Masoodi reviews progress & implementation status of CSSs in Kulgam

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KULGAM: Member Parliament (MP) Anantnag Lok Sabha constituency, Justice (Retd) Hasnain Masoodi on Monday visited Kulgam and chaired the District Development Coordination and Monitoring Committee (DISHA) meeting.

The meeting reviewed in detail the progress of various centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSSs) in the district and was attended by DDC Chairperson, Mohammad Afzal Parrey; ADDC, A-SP, JD-Planning, ACR, SDM Noorabad, DPO ICDS, SE Hydraulics, Ex. Er's of R&B, PMGSY, Flood Control and PDD besides, CAHO, CAO, CHO, DSWO, ALC, AD-Handloom & Handicrafts, CMO, CEO and other sectoral and district officers of line departments.

During the meeting, the MP reviewed implementation and progress recorded under MGNREGA, PMAY, NRLM, NHM, Ayushman Bharat/JK Sehat Scheme, JSY, JSSK PMGSY, SBM, JJM, RDSS, PMKSY, ICDS and various other schemes. He also took department wise extensive review of Horticulture, Agriculture, Animal and Sheep Husbandry departments.

Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat through a power-point presentation highlighted the achievements, special initiatives and best practices of the district administration



under different schemes. He briefed the chair that under District Plan 2022-23, out of 2,535 identified works, 2,382 works stands accorded and 1,937 works are also allotted while 366 works stand completed.

The DC also informed the chair that district Kulgam is top performing district in timely payments. He shared that under 14thFC, 6,616 works were approved and 6,292 works stands completed this time. He also apprised that 1,466 PMAY-G huts were also completed. It was also given out that

under PMMVY an amount of 1.53 crores was disbursed among 3,901 pregnant women during the years 2021-22, 2022-23.

The chair was also informed that the district has rejuvenated and developed 235 Amrit Sarovars and is the top performing district in UT. The DC also apprised the chair that work on two major bridges Chambagund and Aadigen Bridge is going on smoothly by keeping a good pace and both the important bridges will be completed soon.

The MP laid stress on the officers to ensure proper and smooth implementation of all the schemes and that the benefits of these schemes percolate to people. He also sought vacant positions in health, education, besides reviewing enrolment status and drop-outs rates. He asked all the officers to pay regular visits and organize camps in all the remote and far-flung areas so that the people can avail maximum benefits of the schemes meant for the welfare of the people.

Commissioner Secretary reviews performance of revenue deptt in Kupwara



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KUPWARA: Commissioner Secretary, Revenue, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri had an exhaustive tour of Kupwara to review progress and performance of revenue department in the district. The Commissioner Secretary convened an officers meeting which was attended by Deputy Commissioner, Doifode Sagar Dattatray besides other officers of the district.

The Commissioner Secretary took a detailed review of digitization of land records, DILRMP, status of Kachharai land, eviction of state land, status of girdawaris, status of custodian land, Waqf Council properties, public service guarantee Act, status of court cases, SVAMITVA, PM Kissan. He also had feedback from the officers regarding progress on these schemes.

The Commissioner Secretary appreciated the work of district administration including revenue officers and officials for registering substantial progress on digitization of land records. He asked the officers to ensure frequent visits to far flung areas and attend public grievances in a friendly manner. He reviewed the staff strength position and facilities being provided to the revenue officers including accommodation and conveyance.

The Deputy Commissioner briefed the Commissioner Secretary regarding the performance of revenue department in the district. Regarding removal of encroachment on state land, Commissioner Secretary directed the officers to erect a board notifying the state land. He directed for removal of encroachments on major portions especially areas coming under Roshni Act.

Six CVs distributed among youth at Shopian under Mumkin scheme



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SHOPIAN: To facilitate unemployed youth towards undertaking livelihood in the transport sector, six commercial vehicles (CVs) were distributed among unemployed youth of the district under Mumkin scheme. Deputy Commissioner (DC) Shopian, Sachin Kumar Vaishya presided over the distribution function.

The DC handed over keys to the beneficiaries in presence of Assistant Director, DE&CC Shopian, Hafsa Qayoom and other officers, officials, civil society members and beneficiaries. Under Mission Youth, government is providing ample opportunities for livelihood development in the transport sector to unemployed youth of Jammu and Kashmir.

AD, DE&CC on the occasion desired that more and

more youth should avail benefits under the scheme in which small commercial vehicles are provided to the unemployed youth at subsidised rates. The Mumkin scheme aims to move towards creation of a better socio-economic ecosystem by providing self-employment opportunities and elimination of poverty among the youth.

The Deputy Commissioner urged the beneficiaries to work with full dedication and enthusiasm which shall eventually go a long way in their socio-economic upliftment and said that the Mumkin is proving impactful by providing livelihood benefits to the unemployed youth of Shopian to get registered with the department to avail the benefits under various employment generation schemes meant for the upliftment of the youth.

Director Agriculture Kashmir visits Qamarwari zone



GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhary Mohammad Iqbal visited different areas of Qamarwari zone of district Srinagar to review different initiatives by the department in the area. The Director interacted with the agri-entrepreneurs of the area and discussed different schemes with the local commercial farmers.

The Director said that there is huge potential for vegetable cultivation in the area. He asked the farmers to go for diversification in terms of selection of different vegetables, exotic and high value vegetables which can fetch more returns to the farmers and result in socio-economic transformation of the community.

Modern Agriculture is tasked with providing more quality food to a growing population in a sustainable manner, while maintaining healthy margins, therefore educated and well aware agri-entrepreneurs

and farmers could play an important role in this movement, said the Director.

The Director said that the department has already introduced and implemented a number of initiatives viz-a-viz marketing of farmers' produce. Later, the Director reviewed the implementation of PM-KISAN in the area and asked the concerned officers to ensure that every single farm operating family is connected with the said scheme and the benefits reach every farmer well in time.

Agriculture Extension Officer Qamarwari, Dr. Fayaz Illahi gave a detailed description of various initiatives by the department in the area. He also briefed the Director about the status of implementation of different centrally sponsored schemes in the area. The Director was accompanied by Sub Divisional Agriculture Officer Srinagar and other senior officers of the department during the visit.

DC Bandipora reviews developmental scenario of Dardpora, Arin



GMK NEWS NETWORK

BANDIPORA: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr. Owais Ahmed on Monday chaired a meeting of officers to review the developmental scenario of Arin-Dardpora. The DC said that the area has huge potential to be developed as a tourist spot.

The Deputy Commissioner said the area is suitable for adventure tourism including trekking to alpine meadows and lakes besides also for pilgrimage tourism as the area has some holy sites. He said that the administration believes in equitable development and always works on policies to provide the same opportu-

nities to the people living in urban as well as rural areas.

The Deputy Commissioner asked officers to tap the potential of the area to develop tourism infrastructure and other sectors for boosting the developmental needs of the area. He also emphasized on facilitating hassle free travel of tourists to the areas from a security point of view.

He said tourism promotion in the area will also develop employment opportunities for the local youth. While reviewing the status of various developmental works, the Deputy Commissioner directed the concerned to work in coordination with PRIs for smooth execution of all projects.

Digitization of land records, a revolutionary step in good governance: DC Pulwama


GMK NEWS NETWORK

PULWAMA: Deputy Commissioner (DC) Pulwama, Baseer ul Haq Choudhary on Monday inspected Jamabandi digitization centres in the district. The DC said that digitization is imperative for streamlining the revenue records and making them easily accessible to the public through online based platforms.

The Deputy Commissioner said that digitization of revenue records is a revolutionary step in good governance initiatives. He reviewed the progress on implementation of the Land Records

Modernization Programme. ACR Pulwama, Ajaz Ahmad Shah informed in detail the digitization programmes including safe custody of revenue documents, data entry, digitization of maps, Jamabandi and up-dation with latest mutation records.

The Deputy Commissioner said that the comprehensive digitization would ensure better land record management that will enhance the district's overall land record maintenance forever. He inspected various sections of the land records office and enquired about computerization and directed for its proper maintenance.



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GDC Khansahib organises anti-drug awareness rally

GMK NEWS NETWORK

BUDGAM: The NSS unit of Government Degree College (GDC) Khansahib and Red Ribbon Club in collaboration with the Department of Physical Education organised an 'Anti-drug Awareness Rally'. Hundreds of students, including NSS volunteers, took part in the rally that started from the college campus and culminated at main market Khansahib.

The rally was led by Director Physical Education Shahnawaz Alam, NSS Programme Officer Dr. Sajad Ahmad Padder and Convener - Red Ribbon Club Dr. Shabir Ahmad Ganie while other faculty members provided their full support and cooperation.

Dr Samoon reviews admission process in polytechnic colleges

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JAMMU: Principal Secretary, Skill Development Department (SDD), Dr. Asgar Hassan Samoon on Monday chaired a meeting with Principals of polytechnic colleges to review the status of admission process in these colleges across the union territory.

Director SDD, Principal, Polytechnic College, Birkram Chowk and Principal Women Polytechnic College, Shakti Nagar, Jammu were present in the meeting while Principals of other polytechnic colleges attended the meeting virtually.

Threadbare discussion was held about the admission process and applications for the admissions in a three year diploma programme for various polytechnic colleges across Jammu & Kashmir. It was informed that JKBOE has mobilized its staff across the UT to spread awareness about the diploma programmes.

Dr. Samoon was informed that during the awareness campaign, the prospective



candidates were educated about various government sponsored schemes and were encouraged to come forward and enrol in the diploma courses. Besides, the awareness campaign was given wide coverage through media, both print and electronic.

The meeting was also informed that 3,320 applications were received and shared with the concerned colleges. Principal Secretary was also apprised that JKBOE is in the process of receiving lateral entry applications and there are 822 applications received till date whose selection list would be framed by Sep-

tember 15 and the admission process for regular and lateral entry will continue till the end of this month. Presently, the colleges are doing admissions at their own level as the process of admission is underway.

The Principal Secretary issued several directions to principals of polytechnic colleges regarding further streamlining of admissions in their respective institutions. He emphasized upon them to send teams of officials in the villages of every block of the districts to aware and encourage the candidates for participation in diploma courses in order to fill up the allotted seats

in the polytechnic colleges in the UT.

Earlier, Dr. Samoon chaired a meeting with senior officers of SDD and its allied departments to review the progress on ongoing development activities of SDD under CAPEX and other centrally sponsored schemes. The meeting had detailed deliberations on various issues pertaining to SDD including utilization of CAPEX and CSS budget on completion of new and ongoing civil works, implementation of centrally sponsored schemes and improvement in skill scenario under SANKALP (CSS) in the districts.

TAD establishes 100-bedded hostel for PG girl students at Jammu

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JAMMU: A 100-bedded hostel for girl students operationalized by the Tribal Affairs Department (TAD) was dedicated to the students by Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department, Dr Shahid Iqbal Choudhary. The new hostel has been provided for post-graduate students by the department.

Secretary in the department, Mohammad Harun Malik, Secretary GB Advisory Board, Mukhtar Ahmed, Director, Tribal Affairs Department, Mushir Ahmed Mirza, Dy Director TRI / TAD, Dr Abdul Khair, Wardens Dr Naseeb Ali, Mushtaq Ahmed, faculty members and others officers attended the inaugural ceremony and interaction.

The hostel has been provided to accommodate 100



girl students enrolled in post-graduate courses in universities and colleges. The enrolled students are also being provided scholarship and enhanced diet rates have been made application. Modern furniture and other facilities have been made available to provide best quality accommodation and educational support system.

Dr. Shahid in response to demands raised by the

students at the new hostel, approved provision of one bus for the hostel students and also informed that WiFi facility, CCTV cameras, library facility will also be provided in the hostel shortly. The students were also provided computer tabs with pre-loaded educational content. He informed that a PG girls hostel on similar lines is also being established at Srinagar shortly.

It is pertinent to mention there that out of the 25 hostels recently initiated by the department one girls PG hostel each has been approved for Jammu and Srinagar for which land has been earmarked and funds released to DCs for execution of project. In view of time required for completion of projects the department has initiated the hostels with immediate effect under outsourced of hostel space as per norms.

It was also informed that a set of skill development courses will shortly commence for girl students in both the hostels and regular career counselling sessions will be organised to aware the students about various opportunities available for higher education, including competitive scholarships and fellowships.

PSPS College for Women organises extension lecture on archaeology

GMK NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU: Department of History, Padma Shree Padma Sachdev Government PG College for Women on Monday organised an extension lecture on development of archaeology and its basic ideas. The event

was organised under the patronage of College Principal, Prof. Minu Mahajan.

The resource person for the occasion was Dr. Navjot Kour, Postdoctoral Research Fellow, Catalan Institute of Classical Archaeology, Tarragona, Spain. In her lecture, she

elaborated upon the basic principle of archaeology as well as different processes involved in the archaeological excavation.

Several interesting facts related to the Jammu archaeological development were shared with the students and the teach-

ing faculty present on the occasion and made them acquainted with the future prospects of archaeology in Jammu & Kashmir. Students and teachers participated enthusiastically who posed numerous queries to Dr. Navjot.

ITI Doda organises apprenticeship mela



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DODA: To provide real time employment training to aspirants with required standards of skills for industries and other sectors, Government Industrial Training Institute (ITI) Doda on Monday organized "apprenticeship mela" at its campus. Large number of job aspirants and over a dozen local establishments took part in the Mela.

The programme was aimed to educate unemployed youths about the apprenticeship scheme and its benefits. ITI Doda has also set up help desk to facilitate industrial units as well as aspiring candidates to register them online on the apprenticeship portal. Superintendent ITI Doda, Er. Ravinder Singh Bhatt elaborated in detail about the apprenticeship scheme. He informed that Apprentices Act was enacted with the objective to regulate the program of training of apprentices in the industry/establishment by utilizing the facilities available therein for imparting on-the-job

training. Government ITI Doda, being the Nodal ITI of the District, played a key role in creating a platform for aspiring candidates and establishments. As per the scheme guidelines, all establishments having workforce (regular and contract employees) of 30 or more are mandated to engage Apprentices in a range from 2.5 percent to 15 percent of its workforce, for establishments having a workforce between 4 to 29 this is optional and establishments having a workforce of three or less are not permitted to engage apprentices. Besides, the apprentices are also entitled stipend under this scheme.

Upon the completion of apprentice training, the apprentice will appear at an All India Trade Test in designated trade. The successful apprentice will be awarded National Apprentice Certificate (NTC), which is a recognized qualification for employment for both in government and private sector.

DE&CC, ITI organise job fair, apprenticeship mela at Kishtwar



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KISHTWAR: District Employment & Counselling Centre (DE&CC) Kishtwar in collaboration with government ITI organised one-day job fair cum apprenticeship mela for the job seekers and ITI students interested for apprenticeship.

The aim of the fair was to register eligible job seekers for different job vacancies in companies engaged for construction of Hydro Power Project (HPP) in Kishtwar. Representatives from Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry Departments, DIC Kishtwar, KVIB, JP Associates Ltd and L&T company spoke in detail about different self-employment schemes, job vacancies for job seekers & students.

A total of 39 vacancies were made available by JP Associates Ltd and L&T companies working on Pakal Dul Hydro Electric Power Project. More

than 300 applications were received for the same which will be scrutinized and the final selections shall be made in coming days.

The Principal ITI and concerned faculty explained about the National Apprenticeship Programme Schemes (NAPS) and encouraged the ITI pass-outs, enrolled students and the establishments present at the venue for registration. Fifty candidates & 12 establishments were registered under NAPS on the spot.

The programme also facilitated on-spot registrations of around 200 job seekers & students for the J&K employment portal & NCS Portal. To spread awareness regarding self-employment schemes, different government departments like Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Husbandry, SC/ST/OBC Corporation, Handicraft/Handloom, District Industries Centre Kishtwar set up their stalls.

DDC Rajouri calls for timely completion of widening of Rajouri-Thanamandi road

GMK NEWS NETWORK

RAJOURI: District Development Commissioner Rajouri, Vikas Kundal on Monday chaired a meeting of the concerned officers to review the progress on widening of Rajouri-Thanamandi road being executed by the BRO.

During the meeting, the DDC sought a detailed report about the physical and financial progress on the project and the concerned officer briefed about the same. Issues regarding the execution of works like peg marking, assessment of structures, payment of compensation, demolition of structures

where payment has been made and mutation were also discussed threadbare in the meeting.

Discussing the issue of short term permits for extraction of minor minerals, the DDC said that the timely issuance of the necessary NOCs for short term permits is important to overcome the shortage of construction material and to speed up the pace of projects. He directed for the demolition of the structures for which the compensation has been paid and asked the concerned departments to assist BRO in clearing the hindrances of culverts and drains.

DC Kathua reviews implementation of education sector schemes

GMK NEWS NETWORK


KATHUA: Deputy Commissioner Kathua Rahul Pandey today reviewed the progress under different schemes of the education sector at a meeting. The DC took appraisal of action taken with regard to issues discussed in earlier meetings such as physical verification of schools with regard to availability of assured minimum facilities, schools without water connection, boundary wall, toilet facility etc.

The CEO apprised the DC about the reconciliation of food grains issued under PM-Poshan Scheme (erstwhile MDM) with

the Food, Civil Supplies and Public Distribution Department Kathua. The DC called upon the CEO to submit a zone wise list of schools without external electricity connection so as to ensure that such schools are provided with proper electricity supply.

The DC laid thrust on coming up with innovative measures as an alternative way to ensure compound walls are erected in schools without boundary thereby providing security and safety to the school staff and students. It was also given out in the meeting that 31 works have been dropped under SAMAGRA on grounds of non-feasibility.

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JAMMU & KASHMIR WAQF BOARD

ZERO BRIDGE SRINAGAR.

Advertisement Notice of Vacant Waqf Properties

Bids/offers in sealed covers addressed to the Chief Executive Officer, J&K Waqf Board, Zero Bridge, Sgr are invited for leasing out of available three(03) Shops at Sub Unit Bijbihara, Anantnag as detailed here under:

S. No.	Name of the site	Description of property	Minimum premium amount	Minimum user charges per month	Lease period
	Sub Unit, Bijbihara	03 Shops as per carpet area	1.00 lac per shop to begin with	Minimum user charges to begin with	05 years (from the date of takeover of the property)
1	Shop No: 01	127.58 sft	-do-	₹2679	-do-
2	Shop No: 02	123.98 sft	-do-	₹2604	-do-
3	Shop No: 03	142.16 sft	-do-	₹2985	-do-

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

- The property is being auctioned on "as is where is" basis. However, Successful Bidder shall be allowed to carry out necessary minor repairs/renovation after proper permission from the competent authority (JKWB).
- The successful bidder shall not claim for reimbursement/ adjustment of the cost so incurred during the renovation/ repair of the instant property.
- Bidders will put forth their offers on account of premium and rent in sealed covers. The bids, quoting the amount of premium and rent offered, shall be accompanied by CDR for an amount of Rs., 1.00 lakh as Earnest Money (pledged to the Tehsildar, J&K Waqf Board).
- The last date for receipt of bids / offers at the Waqf Board (Central Office, Zero Bridge, Sgr) shall be 20.09.2022 (upto 2:00 P.M.)
- The bids/offers shall be opened in presence of the bidders (who may wish to be present) by the Tender Opening Committee on the same day Viz, 20.09.2022 at 3.00 P.M. in central office Zero Bridge, Srinagar.
- Negotiations with the bidders, as and when occasioned, will be conducted in presence of the bidders who may wish to participate in the negotiation process on date to be notified separately.
- Offers from minors will not be accepted.
- The successful bidder shall be required to deposit 50% of the bid amount (on account of premium) within 48 hours after conclusion of the bidding process and the balance 50% at the time of taking over of the possession of the instant property.
- The above mentioned properties shall be provided to the successful bidders on lease basis for a period of 05 (five) years in the first instance (extendable in terms of relevant provisions of the Waqf Act 1995) subject to the payment of rent and premium as per revised terms and conditions to be decided by the Waqf Board. However, the successful bidder shall have no right to claim continuation of lease agreement after five years on account of any improvement made by him/her or for any other reason whatever.
- The successful bidder shall be required to execute lease deed for a period of (05) five years on standard terms & conditions keeping in view the procedure in vogue.
- Any violation or breach of any of the terms and conditions, covenants and agreements herein above contained, by the successful bidder shall entail legal proceedings warranted under law and in terms of the Waqf Act, 1995 (as amended in 2013) or under any other law in force at that time.
- Priority shall be given to the bidders who will offer higher per month user charges and negotiations, if required, will be conducted with them regarding the premium amount.
- The aforesaid properties are available for inspection by interested parties during office hours. Any clarification/facilitation required in this connection shall be provided by Mr. Fayaz Ahmad Rather, I/c, Administrator, Bijbihara Waqf Board unit on Cell No. 9858882300.
- The Management/Board reserves the right to cancel any bids/ offers without assigning any reason thereof.

No: JKWB/R&E/479
Dated: 12/09/2022

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Tata hospital's simple, low-cost intervention gives big hope to breast cancer patients

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MUMBAI: A clinical trial conducted at the Tata Memorial Centre (TMC) has indicated that a simple, low-cost intervention can drastically increase the cure and survival rate among breast cancer patients, top officials said here on Monday.

The landmark multi-centre clinical trials were conducted in women undergoing breast cancer surgery and it emerged that injection of a commonly used drug around the tumour - just prior to surgery, on the operation table - could drastically enhance the cure and survival rate of the patients on a long-term basis.

Director of TMC, Rajendra Badwe, who carried out the trials, presented the results at the ongoing European Society of Medical Oncology Congress in Paris on Monday, and simultaneously TMC's professor Sudeep Gupta addressed the media on the findings in Mumbai.

The trial outcome shows that the injection needs no additional expertise, is affordable, barely Rs 100 per patient, but can result in saving at least 100,000 lives of breast cancer patients annually worldwide, said Badwe.

In comparison, expensive, targeted drugs costing over Rs 10 lakh per patient have shown far less benefits in early breast cancer patients, as per the study titled 'Effect of Peri-Tumoral Infiltration of Local Anaesthetic Prior to Surgery on Survival in Early Breast Cancer'.

Spearheaded by Badwe, the study was conducted on 1,600 women planning to undergo early breast cancer



surgery at 11 cancer centres in India, including TMC, over 11 years from 2011-2022, said Gupta.

"This is the first study of its kind globally showing a sizable benefit by single intervention prior to surgery. For scientists, it opens a window of peri-operative intervention to modulate the environment of cancer in such a way as to prevent its deleterious reaction to the surgery," Badwe told the Paris conference.

Gupta said in Mumbai that the inexpensive and immediately implementable treatment in breast cancer can be practised by any surgeon who treats the disease, as shown from a large randomised trial, which is the 'gold standard' of evaluating the worth of new treatments.

Detailing on the study, the duo said half the patients (out of the 1,600) were part of the 'control group', who received standard surgery followed by the usual post-operative treatment comprising chemotherapy, radiotherapy and hormone therapy as per

guidelines. The other half was the intervention group, who received an injection of a common local anaesthesia agent, 0.5 per cent lidocaine, all around the tumour just before the surgery, and later underwent the same post-operative treatment as given to the control group.

After treatment, the patients were regularly followed-up for several years till the cut-off date of September 2021 to compare the cure and survival rates between the control group and the local anaesthesia group.

"As expected, there was no toxicity of lignocaine in patients who received it (the injection). The six-year disease-free survival was 81.7 per cent in the control group and 86.1 per cent in the local anaesthesia group for a 26 per cent relative reduction in the risk of a relapse or death - considered significant in statistical terms.

Similarly, the six-year over survival rate was 86.2 per cent versus 89.9 per cent in the two groups for a 29 per cent reduction in death risk with the local anaes-

thetic injection, again critically important, said Badwe.

His earlier research suggested a window of opportunity just prior to, during and immediately after surgical removal of the primary cancer when anti-cancer interventions could reduce the risk of development of disseminated Stage 4 metastatic cancer during the patient's lifespan.

The institutions where the clinical trials were conducted are: TMC Mumbai, Kolhapur Cancer Centre, Sterling Multi-specialty Hospital, Pune, and Siddhivinayak Ganapati Cancer Hospital, Sangli (all Maharashtra); All India Institute of Medical Sciences and Max Super-specialty Hospital (both Delhi); B. Borooah Cancer Centre, Guwahati; Basavarakam Indo-American Cancer Hospital & Research Centre, Hyderabad; Gujarat Cancer & Research Institute, Ahmedabad; Malabar Cancer Centre, Thalassery (Kerala); and North-Eastern Indira Gandhi Regional Institute of Health & Medical Sciences, Shillong.

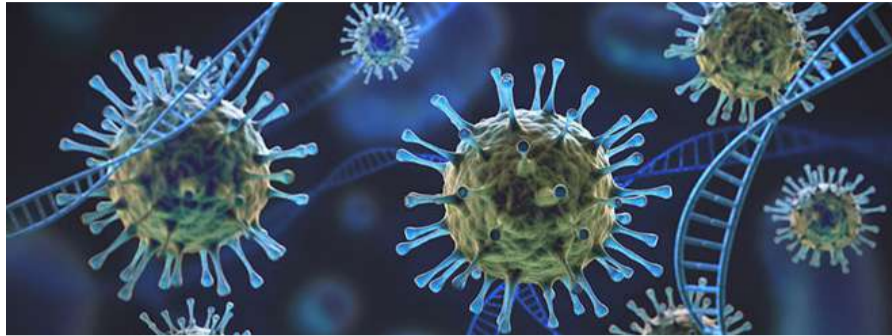
Delta variant of coronavirus could evade immune system, finds study

HYDERABAD: The human immune system can't produce the defence molecules against the Delta variant as effectively as against the other variants of coronavirus, revealed a study.

Dr. Krishnan Harshan's group led the study, in collaboration with Dr. Divya Tej Sowpati's group at CSIR-Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology, to try to understand if hosts, that is humans infected by the virus, react differently to the different SARS-CoV-2 variants.

In this study published in Microbiology Spectrum journal, the researchers found that the immune system could not produce the defence molecules against the Delta variant as effectively as the other variants. While infection due to the other four variants alerted the immune system quickly, the Delta variant could silently replicate in the host cells.

In the last almost three years, there have been many SARS-CoV-2 variants



spreading across the world. Their outcomes have varied greatly, with the Delta variant being the deadliest.

The researchers selected five different SARS-CoV-2 variants and studied how the human immune system responds to the variants. The studied variants included Alpha, Delta, and three other variants that emerged before the Alpha variant. Upon viral infection, the first line of attack by the host's immune system is by producing certain defence chemicals that break down the viruses. The researchers stud-

ied how their production responds to these five variants.

"We infected the human cells in a cell culture system with these different variants of the virus and monitored the production of known immune defence molecules and the activation of signalling pathways associated with them," said Dixit Tandel, the first author of the study.

"We navigated through the hundreds of immune pathways known to us using high throughput sequencing and analysis," said Dr. Nitesh Kumar Singh, who worked on the project with

Dr Sowpati. "We have identified that molecular mechanisms regulating the host immune response have not been as potent against the Delta variant of SARS-CoV-2. This also includes the production of interferons, immune molecules often used for antiviral therapies.

The study hints at why the Delta variant could spread more easily," said Dr. Krishnan Harshan, the lead investigator in this work.

He added that the study also helps us understand how viruses evolve with changing effects on human hosts. (AGENCIES)

India spent 3.16% of GDP on healthcare, Rs 4,470 per capita in 2018-19

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NEW DELHI: As per the National Health Accounts report released on Monday, the Total Health Expenditure (THE) on the country has been estimated Rs. 5,96,440 crores, which translates into 3.16 per cent of GDP and Rs. 4,470 per capita for the year 2018-19.

The Total Health Expenditure constitutes current and capital expenditures incurred by Government and private sources including external or donor funds. As per the report, the Current Health Expenditure (CHE) is Rs. 5,40,246 crores which is 90.58 per cent of THE and capital expenditures is Rs. 56,194 crores, which is 9.42 per cent of THE.

The Capital expenditures are reported for all sources of Government - Union Government is Rs. 18,468 crores; State Government Rs. 37,477 crores; external donors Rs. 249 crores, the report said. The Government Health Expenditure (GHE) including capital expenditure is Rs. 2,42,219 crores which is 40.61 per cent of THE, 1.26 per cent GDP, and Rs.1,815 per capita.

This amounts to about 4.81 per cent of General Government Expenditure in 2018-19. Of the GHE, Union Government's share is 34.3 per cent and State Governments' share is 65.7 per cent.

The Expenditures by all Government Financed Health

Insurance Schemes combined are Rs. 12,680 crores. Household's Out of Pocket Expenditure on health (OOPE) is Rs. 2,87,573 crores (48.21 per cent of THE, 1.52 per cent of GDP, Rs. 2,155 per capita) Private Health insurance expenditure is Rs. 39,201 crores (6.57 per cent of THE).

Of the Current Health Expenditures (CHE), the Union Government's share is Rs. 63,256 crores (11.71 per cent of CHE) and the State Governments' share is Rs.1,06,056 crores (19.6 per cent of CHE). Local bodies' share is Rs. 5,451 crores (1.01 per cent of CHE), Households' share (including insurance contributions) is about Rs. 3,24,717 crores (60.11 per cent of CHE, OOPE being 53.23 per cent of CHE).

Contribution by enterprises (including insurance contributions) is Rs. 29,789 crores (5.51 per cent of CHE) and NGOs is Rs. 8,484 crores (1.57 per cent of CHE). External/donor funding contributes to about Rs. 2,493 crores (0.46 per cent of CHE).

The CHE attributed Rs. 93,689 crores to Government Hospitals (17.34 per cent of CHE) and Rs. 1,55,013 crores to Private Hospitals (28.69 per cent of CHE), the report has said.

The Current health expenditure attributed Rs. 1,86,625 crores to Inpatient Curative Care (34.55 per cent of CHE), Rs. 1,01,902 crores to outpatient curative care (18.86 per

cent of CHE), Rs. 4,170 crores to Day Curative Care (0.77 per cent of CHE) Rs. 18,909 crores for patient transportation (3.50 per cent of CHE), Rs. 22,526 crores to Laboratory and Imaging services (4.17 per cent of CHE), Rs. 1,01,928 crores to Prescribed Medicines (18.87 per cent of CHE), Rs. 18,881 crores to Over the Counter (OTC) Medicines (3.49 per cent of CHE).

The Therapeutic Appliances and Medical Goods of about Rs. 643 crores (0.12 per cent of CHE), Preventive Care of about Rs. 50,991 crores (9.44 per cent of CHE), and others of about Rs. 12,258 crores (2.27 per cent of CHE) also constituted current health expenditure.

The total Pharmaceutical Expenditure is 33.81 per cent of CHE, while expenditure on Traditional, Complementary, and Alternative Medicine (TCAM) is 4.28 per cent of CHE. The CHE attributed to primary care is of around 47.4 per cent, secondary care of 31.7 per cent, tertiary care of 14.9 per cent and governance and supervision of 4.0 per cent.

As per the report, after disaggregation, government's expenditure on primary care is 55.2 per cent, secondary care is 30.5 per cent and tertiary care is 5.9 per cent. Private expenditure on primary care is 36.9 per cent, secondary care is 33.3 per cent and tertiary care is 26.9 per cent, the NHA report said.

India logs 5,221 fresh Covid-9 cases

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NEW DELHI: India has recorded 5,221 new Covid-19 cases, taking the total tally of active caseload to 47,176, the Health Ministry said on Monday.

As many as 11 fresh fatalities took place in the last 24 hours, taking the total death count in the country since the coronavirus erupted to 528,150.

Meanwhile, 5,975 recoveries were reported in the last 24 hours, increasing the total recoveries to 4,39,25,239. The national recovery rate stands at 98.71 per cent.

According to the Ministry, 88.95 crore tests for Covid-19 have been done so far. In the last 24 hours, a total of 184,965 tests have been conducted.

India has administered 215.26 crore doses of Covid-19 vaccine so far.

Maharashtra reports 701 new Covid-19 cases

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MUMBAI: Maharashtra has reported 701 new Covid-19 cases and three coronavirus-related deaths, according to a health bulletin on Monday.

With this, the state's cumulative case tally has surged to 81,10,832 and the overall toll to 1,48,288.

A total of 1,056 Covid patients were discharged taking the overall count of recoveries to 79,56,324. The state's recovery rate stands at 98.08 per cent and fatality rate 1.82 per cent.

There are currently, 6,220 active patients undergoing treatment for coronavirus.

In Marathwada region, of the 23 positive patients reported, there are 15 cases from Latur, four in Aurangabad, three cases in Jalna and one case in Osmanabad district, the bulletin added.

undertake a comprehensive program of awareness among dairy farmers and vaccination of animals to prevent the increasing infection of Lumpy in livestock.

Expressing concern, Mr Pawar said, if Lumpy disease is ignored, there may be a serious problem of milk production in the state in future, which the state cannot afford.

Lumpy skin disease on livestock is facing a serious crisis in

front of the dairy farmers of the state and demanding that the state government should pay serious attention to it in time.

Lumpy disease which has been found in Africa since 1929, was found for the first time in the state of Orissa in 2019. In March 2020, the first case of Lumpy infected animal in the state was reported at Sironcha in Gadchiroli, he added.

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NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS FOR ENIT NO.47 ISSUED UNDER THIS OFFICE NO: PHEK/4120-31 DATED: 10-09-2022

For & on behalf of the Governor J&K State, e-tenders are invited (in single cover system) on item rate basis from Registered contractors whose registration cards are valid in terms of standing rules for the following works:-

S. No	Name of work	Advt. Cost (Rs. in lacs)	Earneest Money	Class of Contract	Time for Compl.	Cost of tender Document	MH of Account
1	Connecting and commissioning of 0.50 lac gallons cap. SR, Humshalibugh and Rather Mohalla Budroo under M and R	0.91	1820/=	DEE	10 days	200/=	M&R
2	L/F of pipes for impvtvs/extension of sub-main at Sempora Derpora, Bon parigam and Batsargam falling under the jurisdiction of PHE Sub-Division Kulgam under M&R	0.83	1660/=	DEE	10 days	200/=	M&R
3	Maintenance of water supply scheme Amnoo, Ashmuji Redwani and chakpora Brazlo under M and R	1.18	2360/=	DEE	10 days	200/=	M&R
4	Rectification of raw water main of WSS Manzgam, KBpora, wattoo and road cuts at various locations along K.B pora Ahrabal Road under M and R	0.45	900/=	DEE	10 days	100/=	M & R
5	L/F of pipes for Ramgarh Sheikh Mhalla and old Ramgarh sheikhmohalla under Maintenance and Repairs	0.74	1480/=	DEE	10days	200/=	M&R
6	Providing of water supply facilities to various Blocks of Govt. Degree college Kulgam incl shifting of pipe utilities in the premises of Degree college Kulgam for construction of Library Block (Distt. capex)	0.94	1880/=	DEE	10days	200/=	Distt. capex
7	Desilting of various Hydraulic structures in Block DK Marg under Maintt. And repairs	2.66	5220/=	DEE	10days	200/=	M&R
8	Desilting of SR Gudder, Khalura, soper Danew and repairs to Truss of RSFP at Soper under M and R	0.76	1520/=	DEE	10days	200/=	M&R
9	L/F of pipes for Katrusu Shalipora under M and R	0.45	900/=	DEE	10days	200/=	M&R

1. The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings (if any), Bill of quantities (BOQ), set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the website: WWW.jktenders.gov.in
As per the Schedule of dates given below:

	10-09-2022	9.00 am
I	Publishing date of NIT	10-09-2022
II	Download start date	10-09-2022
III	Bid submission start date	10-09-2022
IV	Bid submission end date	16-09-2022
IV	Bid opening date	17-09-2022

1. Bids must be accompanied by cost of tender document in the shape of Treasury Challan shown against the each item advertised and credited to MH 0215 -PHE Government Account as per the devised format
2. The bids shall be opened in the office of Executive Engineer Special PHE Division Kulgam on the above mentioned date in presence of the bidders who may wish to be present.
3. Bidders shall ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents like:
i. Registration card duly renewed for the year 2022-23
ii. Treasury Challan
iii. Earnest money in the form of CDR FDR
iv. PAN/GST with latest GST return
v. Bidders Address format with full particulars.
4. After opening of tenders online the 1st lowest bidder shall be asked to deposit @ additional CDR as per the details mentioned in Sl.25 of the table.
5. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reason.
6. The tenders shall remain valid for 90 days.
7. As soon as the contract is fixed with the successful bidder, he/she has to draw necessary agreement with the department. However, non-draw of agreement will not prevent the contract from being enforced upon him.
8. Pipe material shall be provided by the deptt. Itself for the required items.
9. The earnest money shall be forfeited if-
a) Any bidder withdraws his bid during the period of bid validity or makes any modification in terms & condition of the bid.
b) The successful contractor fails to execute an agreement with the department within 10 days after fixation of contract.
c) The successful bidder fails to start the work within one week from the date of fixation of contract.
10. The tender opening authority reserves the right to accept/reject the bid without assigning any reason thereof.
11. Watch & ward of department. Material issued for the work(s) shall be exclusively the responsibility of the successful contractor/bidder & in the event of any loss/theft of the materials, the same shall be the responsibility of the bidder, the cost thereof shall be recovered from the bidder @ double the stock issue rates.
12. Any kind of damage which may occur to any work during the course of execution due to torrential rains/heavy snow fall/cyclone/floods etc. shall be the responsibility of the bidder till the work is finally handed-over to the Department.
13. The taxes viz. Income tax, & Cess shall be deducted from the bidders claims as admissible under rules.
14. The bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of Quantities). In no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling item rate inclusive of all taxes & it should be saved with the same name as it contains.
15. The unit rates & prices shall quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees and the rates quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes up to completion of work unless otherwise specified.
16. If the bidder does not quote rate for any item of the BOQ, such item/items shall be deemed to be the part of the overall total contract value and no rate shall be allowed for such item/items.
17. The date of start of work shall be reckoned within one week from the date of issuance of Contract allotment as the case may be.
18. In case of delay in completion of work beyond stipulated period of completion, penalty of the maximum 10% of the contract value shall be imposed upon the agency.
19. No mobilization advance / equipment advance shall be paid
20. Any thing of historic/significant value unexpectedly discovered on the site during execution of work shall be property of the Government.
21. It shall be mandatory for the executing agency/contractor to ensure safe and adequate supply of electricity required for all the work men skilled/unskilled deployed at site of work. Besides no labour below the age of 18 years should be engaged as per the Labour law
22. Insurance cover as admissible under rules shall be provided to all the workers skilled/unskilled deployed at site and the necessary premium shall be borne by the execution agency/contractor itself
23. Other terms and conditions shall be the same as laid down in the PWD form-25 double/tender document
24. No-pretated CDR/FDR/TR shall be accepted in no case.
25. Additional security as prescribed in the below mentioned tabulation form is to be deposited by the successful bidder as per the latest order by the finance department, besides keeping in view the non-execution of works by the contractors due to unbalanced bids.

Tenders that are below of the advertised cost	Additional security of the advertised cost to be submitted in the form of CDR
Upto 10% below	Nil
10 to 15% below	3%
15 to 18% below	7%
18 to 20% below	10%
20 to 25% below	15%
25 to 30% below	20%
30 to 35% below	25%
35% below	30%

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France's economy expected to grow in 2023 despite the global crisis

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Paris: France's economy will continue to grow in 2023 despite the difficult economic situation worldwide, French Economy Minister Bruno Le Maire said on Monday.



"I believe that in 2023 we will have positive [economic] growth," Le Maire told the LCI TV channel. The government anticipates GDP growth of 1.4% next year, contrary to the analysis by the Bank of France's Governor. The country is facing a limited recession, Le Maire said. The minister added that even amid the tense economic situation, the number of jobs is increasing, investments in enterprises continue to be used

wisely, and the level of household consumption does not change. The difficult economic situation in other countries will affect France, with the government

considering all possible scenarios, Le Maire said, adding that currently, the country's economy is stagnating. Since 2021, energy and food prices in Europe have been surging as part of a global trend. After Russia's military operation in Ukraine began in February 2022 and the adoption of several packages of sanctions against Moscow by the West, fuel and food prices have accelerated the growth, pushing many European governments to resort to contingency measures.

Sanjay Khanna appointed CEO of American Express India

UNI
New Delhi: American Express Banking Corp (AEB) on Monday announced the appointment of Sanjay Khanna as



the Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Country Manager of AEB India. Khanna heads the country executive team and is responsible for driving growth across the organization's consumer and commercial businesses. In his new role, Khanna will also spearhead several

strategic and business development initiatives for the company while steering smooth collaboration across its diverse businesses in India. His position will be key to advancing and strengthening the company's strategic focus in India. Speaking on the appointment, Rob McClean, Executive Vice President, International Card Services, American Express, said, "I am pleased to welcome Sanjay to this new role. With over 30 years of experience in the industry, Sanjay has exceptional credentials for delivering strong results coupled with a natural knack for leading from the front. We are confident that his commitment to excel in everything he does, his strong values, and his work ethic will further the brand's leadership in the Indian market."

Sensex crosses 60K to 60,115.13 pts

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Mumbai: The equity market remained firm for the third straight session on Monday, as it breached the 60,000 level to close strong at 60,115.13, rising 321.99 points on the strength of Realty, Materials, Technology, and Consumer Durable stocks



amid a strong Asian Market. The Nifty of the National Stock Exchange (NSE) too rallied 103 points at 17,936.35. The Sensex opened on a position note at 59,912.29, up 119 points. During the day it surged 491 points at 60,284.55, a day high, before closing at 60,115.13, advancing 321.99 points from its previous close. The Nifty recorded days high and low at 17,980.55 and 17,889.15 points respectively.

In scrips, Tech Mahindra was a major gainer, rising 2.60 percent to Rs 1155.85 followed by Titan by 2.39 percent to Rs 2664.95, Axis Bank by 1.91 percent to Rs 799.85, Tata Steel by 1.80 percent to Rs 107.65 and Infosys by 1.47 percent to Rs 1534. The losers were Nestle India Ltd by 0.65 percent to Rs 18910, HDFC by 0.50 percent to Rs 2419.20, HDFC Bank by 0.41 percent to Rs 1492, and M&M by 0.51 percent to Rs 1296. The Mid Cap rose by 0.89 percent and Small Cap by 1 percent. In 30 scrips, 20 advanced, 9 declined while one remained unchanged. The Asian Market was seen as robust, as Australia went up by 0.97 percent, China by 0.82 percent, Hong Kong by 2.69 percent, and Japan by 1.16 percent.

India's retail inflation climbs to 7 pc in August, adds to RBI worries

UNI
New Delhi: On the back of a surge in food prices, India's retail inflation climbed to 7% in August 2022 adding pressure on the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to calm down prices.

Retail inflation had eased to 6.71% in July from 7.01% in the previous month. It has stayed above RBI's upper target band of 6% for several months now. As per the data released by the Ministry of Statistics & Programme Implementation (MoSPI) on Monday, food inflation in August rose to 7.62% as against 6.69% in the previous month.

The data showed rural inflation in the month of August was higher at 7.15% as compared to 6.72% in urban inflation.

Commenting on the August inflation number,



Vivek Rathi, Director-Research Knight Frank India said that the rise in food prices, domestic fuel price levels, and pressure on the Indian currency continue to pose near term threat to the inflation trajectory.

"These will also guide the upcoming monetary policy action, which has so far already witnessed three policy rate hikes and liquidity tightening measures over last 5 months,"

Rathi said. In a bid to keep inflation in check, the RBI has increased the benchmark lending rate by 140 basis points (100 basis points equal to one percentage point) since May this year.

India ranks 1st in APAC region in customer experience maturity: Report

UNI
New Delhi: India ranked third globally and first in the Asia Pacific (APAC) region in terms of customer experience (CX) maturity, a report said on Monday.

According to a report by Zendesk, 'exceptional' is what businesses must strive for when meeting customer expectations. However, just 17 percent of Indian businesses are qualified as 'CX Champions' - those considered the highest standard-bearers, indicating there are only a few organizations in India delivering exceptional customer services.

"Indian businesses are rapidly transforming their CX capabilities, and there are challenges that persist and need to be addressed," Vasudeva Rao Munnaluri, RVP India and SAARC at Zendesk, said in a statement.

"The CX Accelerator Report's findings reveal that to digitally transform customer service and reap rewards, Indian businesses

need technologies that make this journey nimble. Effective implementation increased visibility into data sources and automa-

Indian companies displayed very strong comprehensiveness of CX metrics, the highest globally, followed by Canada (49 percent) and

(54 percent) and the UK (50 percent). More companies worldwide are utilizing bot and human hand-offs -- this



the UK (44 percent). And, at least 62 percent of Indian businesses are able to report CX metrics in real-time, the highest across the world, followed by Canada

jumped from 52 percent to 64 percent year-over-year (YoY), the report, which surveyed more than 4,900 business decision makers, said.

Centre organizes virtual networking meet for GI products with Qatar

UNI
New Delhi: In its endeavor to promote the export of agricultural products inherent to India, the government organized a virtual networking meeting for Agriculture and food GI products in association with the Embassy of India, Doha, and IBPC Qatar on Monday.

More than 80 participants including exports, importers, representatives from IBPC, officials of the Indian Embassy, and the Agriculture and Processed Food Export Development Authority (APEEDA) participated.

Dr. Deepak Mittal, Ambassador, Embassy of India, Doha, Qatar, addressing the participants said such trade meets will provide an opportunity for B2B interaction to enhance exports. Dr. M Angamuthu, Chairman, APEEDA, empha-

sized on Government of India's focus on promoting GI, organic and natural products. During the interac-



the exporters were informed about the potential GI products for exports such as Basmati rice,

mango, pomegranates, products of the North East Region (NER), and several processed products. Agricultural and Pro-

Industry has contributed significantly to promoting the export of agriculture and processed food products with a share of around 50% (USD 24.77 bn) in overall Agri exports during 2021-22, an official statement said.

Besides being the leading producer of several Agri commodities such as rice, fruits and vegetables, and tea among others, India also has a distinct advantage of having registered geographical indication for several agricultural products.

Presently, there are more than 400 registered Geographical Indications in India of which around 150 are agricultural and food products GI. More than 100 registered GI products fall under the category of APEEDA scheduled products (fresh fruits and vegetables, processed foods, animal products, and cereals), the statement added.

Rupee rises 6 paise against USD

UNI
Mumbai: The Rupee on Monday gained six paise to close at 79.52 against the USD on brisk selling of US Dollar from bankers and exporters, dealers at the Foreign Exchange said. The local unit that slipped

eight paise at 79.66 in early trade, recovered during the session, and finished at 79.52, up six paise as compared to its previous close.

The Rupee unit registered days high and low at 79.68 and 79.49 respectively against the US Dollar, dealer added.



10 coal reserves to be e-auctioned today for commercial mining

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New Delhi: The Coal Ministry will launch an e-auction of 10 reserves on today for commercial mining, out of which eight blocks would be

mines with a peak rate capacity of 85.4 million tonnes per annum. Meanwhile, the total peak rate capacity of 10 reserves, which would be put up for auction for commercial mining on



put up for auction, while two reserves will be put on offer on September 14, official sources said.

They also said that the technical evaluation of bids has been completed, thus clearing the way for the e-auction of 10 coal reserves for commercial mining purposes.

Till now, the Coal Ministry has auctioned 43 coal

September 13, is 39.31 million tonnes per annum, sources said.

Earlier on June 27, the ministry had said that it had received 38 bids during three rounds of commercial coal mines' auctions. In 2020, the Prime Minister launched an auction of 41 coal reserves for commercial mining.

Laghu Udyog Bharati conference in Mumbai on Sept 16

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Mumbai: Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman will interact and guide the MSME members on various aspects like Goods and Service Tax, power, MSME sector and developmental factors at the Maharashtra Pradesh Adiveshan, organised by the Laghu Udyog Bharati (LUB), in city on September 16.

The entrepreneurs from 100 talukas and 36 districts across Maharashtra will attend the conference.

The major reason behind this conference is to focus on the policies of the central government as well as state government and pursue them by sharing valuable inputs all over India, a release issued by LUB said here on Monday.

JSW Steel's Aug yoy crude steel production up 22 pc

UNI
Mumbai: JSW steel on Monday reported year-on-year growth of 22 per cent in standalone crude steel production for the month of August 2022, a statement from the company said. The company's crude steel production in August 2022 was 16.76 lakh tonnes as against 13.77 lakh tonnes in the same month previous year.

Production of rolled products- flat in August 2022 was 12.1 lakh tonnes as against 8.99 lakh tonnes in 2021, registering a growth of 34 percent while production of rolled products- long in August 2022 was 3.75 lakh tonnes as against 3.01 lakh tonnes in 2021, registering a growth of 25 percent. The average capacity utilisation was 87.4 percent during August 2022 due to shortage of iron ore in Karnataka and Odisha regions, the statement said.

GHIAL introduces Int'l connectivity from Hyderabad to Baghdad

UNI
Hyderabad: GMR Hyderabad International Airport Ltd. (GHIAL) inaugurated the maiden direct flight service from Hyderabad to Baghdad. Fly Baghdad's maiden flight IF 462 took off at 1517 hours from Hyderabad International Airport after senior officials from GHIAL and other stakeholders flagged it off amidst much fanfare, a release here said.

The Baghdad flight service is a testimony to the growing demand for medical tourism in Hyderabad. Flights to India from Baghdad are popular among the Iraqis seeking medical treatment. The data released by the Union Tourism ministry shows medical tourists visiting India from Iraq comprised over 10 per cent and is gradually growing.

As the country's healthcare capital in India, Hyderabad has been the favourite destination among international tourists. With world-class medical facilities at an affordable price, Hyderabad will be the next growth driver in medical tourism in the country. With the growing demand, GMR Hyderabad International airport has recently inaugurated the Hyderabad-Dhaka flight service. This is the second service in the same direction.

The flight will operate between Hyderabad and Baghdad twice a week - Sunday and Tuesday. The Fly Baghdad Flight IF 461 will arrive at GMR Hyderabad International Airport at 0955 hours on Tuesday. The return flight IF 462 will depart from Hyderabad at 1055 hours on the same day. On Sunday, flight IF 461 will arrive at HYD Airport at 1155 hours and flight IF 462 departs at 1255 hours.

Bangladesh to maintain world peace: Hasina

UNI

Dhaka: Bangladesh will always help in maintaining world peace, Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina said on Monday.

ceremony of 46th Indo-Pacific Armies Management Seminar (IPAMS) in the city's Radisson Blu Hotel as the chief guest, joining virtually from her official residence.



"It is our constitutional obligation that Bangladesh shall always assist to maintain global peace. Our military has been playing a major role in global peacekeeping operations under the UN. We intend to maintain it," she said. The Premier was addressing the opening

The Bangladesh Army is co-hosting this international seminar along with the United States involving 27 countries. Bangladesh Army is always ready to serve the country and for the world peace in UN missions and anywhere in the world," she said.

New UK King Charles III delivers first address to parliament

UNI

London: UK King Charles III made his first address to the parliament after he was officially proclaimed the country's new sovereign, following the death of Queen Elizabeth II.

people, and to maintain the precious principles of constitutional government, which lie at the heart of our nation. This vow she kept with unsurpassed devotion, she set an example of selfless duty which, with God's



The queen passed away on September 8, at the age of 96, at Balmoral Castle in Scotland surrounded by her family, after over 70 years on the British throne. Charles III thanked members of the British parliament for their condolences and paid tribute to the memory of the late queen. "Her late Majesty pledged herself to serve her country and her

help and your councils, I am resolved faithfully to follow," the king said. The orchestra performed the national anthem "God Save the King" after the speech. Alongside members of parliament and peers of the realm, Prime Minister Liz Truss, former Prime Minister Boris Johnson and leader of the Labour Party, Keir Starmer, attended the ceremony.

Unexploded ordnance harming development of Laos: UN official

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Vientiane: Unexploded ordnance (UXO) has caused great harm to the development of Laos, highlighting the need for its accelerated clearance, state media reported Monday citing a top UN official as saying. Kanni Wignaraja, the UN Assistant Secretary-General and UN Development Program (UNDP) Regional Director for Asia and the Pacific, made the remarks during her visit to Laos last week aimed at strengthening support for development priorities of the Southeast Asian country. Xinhua news agency quoted the report as saying. "UXO has harmed the country too much for too long and that needs to change," she told reporters in Lao capital Vientiane. "I have visited Laos a couple of times before and looked at this issue, and by now the country should have advanced much faster in clearing unexploded ordnance. It is slow and needs to accelerate." Wignaraja said the UNDP is pleased to be part of this effort and is committed to helping Laos accelerate UXO clearance efforts.

She noted that unexploded devices have been present in Laos for more than 40 years. According to the UNDP, Laos is, per capita, the most heavily bombed country in the world. As per statistics from Lao authorities, from 1965 to 1973, the US dropped some 2 million tons of ordnance on the country during the Vietnam War, including 2.7 million cluster bombs which were designed to break apart and release a payload of smaller bombs. As many as 30 per cent of these bombs did not explode. More than 40 years after the end of the war, unexploded ordnance remains a major humanitarian and socio-economic challenge to the country, causing deaths and injuries, limiting access to potentially productive land, and adding substantial costs to the process of development. During the 2008-2022 period, 1,091 people were victims of 673 UXO accidents, of whom 808 were injured and 283 died, according to data from the National Regulatory Authority Office for UXO/Mine Action in Laos.

Jaishankar concludes visit to Saudi Arabia

UNI

Riyadh: External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Monday concluded his first official visit to Saudi Arabia.

He called on Crown Prince of Saudi Arabia Mohammed bin Salman on Sunday evening in Jeddah. Jaishankar handed over a letter from Prime Minister Narendra Modi to the Crown Prince conveying greetings on the upcoming National Day of Saudi Arabia on September 23 and reiterating invitation to Salma to visit India at an early date.

Earlier, Jaishankar met the Foreign Minister of Saudi Arabia Faisal bin Farhan Al Saud in Riyadh and reviewed all aspects of India-Saudi Arabia bilateral relations and discussed regional and global issues.

The two Ministers co-chaired the inaugural meeting of the Committee on Political, Security, Social and Cultural Cooperation (PSSC), under the framework of the India-Saudi Arabia Strategic Partnership Council.

Both Ministers assessed the progress in bilateral relations positively across all domains including political, trade, energy, investments, defence, security and culture, officials said.

Several areas were identified for further enhancing bilateral cooperation such as food security, healthcare, pharmaceuticals, defence industry and entertainment.



The two Ministers endorsed the work of the four Joint Working Groups of the PSSC (Political and Consular; Defence; Legal and Security; and Social and Cultural) well as the Senior Officials Meetings. They also discussed

greater coordination between the two countries in multilateral organisations especially the G-20.

The Minister met the Secretary General of the Gulf Cooperation Council Dr Nayef Falah Mubarak Al-Hajraf on September 10

India and the GCC and setting up Working Groups on different areas of cooperation.

During the visit Jaishankar also interacted with the Indian community in Saudi Arabia at an event organized at the Indian

Embassy. Further, the Minister also addressed senior Saudi officials, academics and future Saudi diplomats in an interactive session at the Prince Saud Al Faisal Institute of Diplomatic Studies on Sunday.

Ukraine successes have 'significant implications' for Russian operation

AGENCIES

Kiev: The success of Ukrainian forces in pushing Moscow's troops out of the Kharkiv region "have significant implications for Russia's overall operational design", and for the morale of its soldiers on the ground, the UK Ministry of Defence said on Monday.

"The majority of the force in Ukraine is highly likely being forced to prioritise emergency defensive actions," the Guardian quoted the Ministry as saying in a Twitter post. "The already limited trust deployed troops have in Russia's senior military leadership is likely to deteriorate further."

British military intelligence said that "isolated pockets of resistance remain in this sector, but since September 7, Ukraine has recaptured territory at least twice the size of

Greater London", which would be the equivalent of 3,000 sq km.



In the south of Ukraine, near Kherson, the Ministry says Russia could be struggling to bring sufficient

reserves forward across the Dnipro river to the front line on the west bank of the river.

"Ukrainian long-range artillery is now probably hitting crossings of the

Dnipro so frequently that Russia cannot carry out repairs to damaged road bridges."

According to the Main Directorate of Intelligence of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine, Lt General Berdnikov was appointed as

Putin sacks top general following crushing defeat in eastern Ukraine

AGENCIES

Moscow: Russian President Vladimir Putin is reported to have sacked a top-ranking general just 16 days after appointing him following his crushing defeat in eastern Ukraine, media reports said.

The Russian President is thought to have relieved Lieutenant General Roman Berdnikov of his duties over the failure of Kremlin troops to keep hold of vast swathes of Ukrainian territory over the last few days, Daily Mail reported.

A counter-offensive by Ukrainian forces has seen troops push to within 30 miles of the border, amid reports that 'panicked' Russian troops have been abandoning tanks, weapons and supplies.

There have been claims from some sources that Russian soldiers have "literally ran from their positions", even leaving behind their clothes as they ran away from the advancing Ukrainian army in the Kharkiv oblast in the north-east of the country, Daily Mail reported.

It came as Ukrainian soldiers surge into the east of the country in an effort that has seen them take more than 1,000 square miles of territory in a matter of days, in a period of time that could prove to be a turning

point in the war. The move came after a sustained Ukrainian, disinformation campaign' about a counter-offensive in the



south, which succeeded in diverting Russian troops in that direction and leaving the north east vulnerable to attack, Daily Mail reported. The main advance in the area began six days ago and has forced Moscow to withdraw its troops to prevent them being surrounded.

According to the Main Directorate of Intelligence of the Ministry of Defense of Ukraine, Lt General Berdnikov was appointed as

This came after unconfirmed reports back in June that he had been killed during fighting in the Donbas region of Ukraine. commander of the Western Armed Forces on August 26. However, it seems his time in charge was short lived, with Ukrainian intelligence saying he has been sacked by Putin due to the rout in Kharkiv. There has been no confirmation from the Kremlin on this.

As Russian troops desperately scrambled to get clear from oncoming forces in recent days, one Ukrainian unit said the chain of command had been broken and Kremlin troops were running away without even attempting to fight back, Daily Mail reported.

Over 6.2mln people in SL facing food insecurity

UNI

Colombo: Over 6.2 million people in Sri Lanka are facing severe food insecurity, and the situation is expected to worsen unless the problem is tackled by social assistance and livelihood

October 2022 to February 2023. In this connection, the country's government and its humanitarian and development partners should provide coordinated support for the people estimated to be moderately or severely food insecure through



support mechanisms, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the World Food Programme (WFP) said on Monday.

"Over 6.2 million people [in Sri Lanka] (28 percent of the population) are estimated to be moderately acute food insecure and 66,000 people to be severely acute food insecure," the FAO and WFP said in a joint report, adding that the food security in the country "may continue deteriorating driven by shortages of imported goods, increased prices, livelihood disruption and reduced crop production."

The UN believes that the situation in Sri Lanka is likely to worsen during the lean season from

expanded food assistance and livelihood programs, according to the report.

Sri Lanka has been facing its worst economic crisis since gaining independence from the British rule in 1948. The dire situation resulted from shortages of foreign currency as tourist flows dried up during the COVID-19 pandemic, preventing the country from purchasing enough fuel.

The pandemic has also negatively impacted remittances from Sri Lankans working abroad. There is an acute shortage of food and basic necessities, including fuel and gas, with many parts of the island nation suffering from continuous power blackouts.

Grenade blast in Philippines injures 7 people

UNI

Manila: Seven people were injured last night in the Philippine city of Cotabato as a result of a

the newspaper quoted a police representative as saying.

No one took responsibility for the explosion, the newspaper said,



grenade explosion in a restaurant, local media reported on Monday.

The blast occurred in the evening when the victims were having dinner in the restaurant, Philippine newspaper Inquirer reported, citing local police.

"We are still determining the motive [of the crime], we are reviewing the CCTV, but initially, it was a quarrel among the restobar clients,"

adding that the police found fragments of an MK2 hand grenade at the crime scene.

Terrorist attacks and clashes between the army and Islamist groups occasionally occur in the province of Cotabato, located on the southern Philippine island of Mindanao. The Islamists are blamed for this year's bombings in Koronadal, Tacurong and other cities in the Philippines.

Court moved against Gotabaya over disappearances

UNI

Colombo: Former Sri Lankan President Gotabaya Rajapaksa will face legal action over the forced disappearance of two Frontline Socialist Party (FSP) members 12 years back, it was reported on Monday.

Attorney-at-Law Nuwan Bopage told the Island newspaper that Rajapaksa will have to be present in the court of appeal on September 19 to know what happened to Lalith Kumar Weeraratne and Kugan Muruganandan.

Bopage, who represents the victims' families, said Lalith and Kugan were members of the leftwing FSP and engaged in the party's human rights circles.

They went missing on December 9, 2011 while they were making arrangements to celebrate World Human Rights Day in Jaffna.

When that was questioned in a habeas corpus case, the Court was told that the then government spokesman Keheliya Rambukwella told the media that both Lalith and Kugan were in police custody.

"Summoned before the courts, Rambukwella testified that he had received that information from the Defence Ministry, whose Secretary at the time was Gotabaya Rajapaksa.

"Rajapaksa was summoned to testify but he did not appear, saying that he was receiving medical treatment abroad."

Moving rapidly towards joint Services: Rajnath



UNI

NEW DELHI: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Monday said India is rapidly moving towards "jointness" among the three Services and logistics in the defence sector is going to benefit the most with the development.

The Minister was delivering a keynote address in the Indian Army's 'Samanjasya Se Shakti' Logistics Seminar which aims to provide a platform to strategise smooth transition to self-reliance in Indian defence logistics.

"As you all are aware, with the establishment of the Department of Military Affairs, we have moved rapidly towards jointness among the Services. One of the areas which will benefit the most due to jointness is logistics," the Minister said.

He said that the role of logistics is also very important in the defence sector. Jointness between the three Services is a major dimension in the policy changes that have taken place in the Defence Ministry in the last three years, he added.

The Minister said that in order to integrate logistics in the country, and to make it self-reliant, the government has formulated many important policies.

"This includes emphasis on infrastructure development through National Logistics Policy, PM GatiShakti platform, and through other efforts. Apart from PM GatiShakti National Master Plan, the government has taken rapid strides in this direction realizing the importance of logistics and infrastructure. Today we are all seeing

the construction of world class roads, highways and expressways in the country," the Minister said.

Rajnath Singh said that there was a need for some common logistics at many places in Indian services.

"There should be common logistics nodes in the country, where the resources of one Service are seamlessly available to other Services as well. The need for jointness is also being emphasized in the context of training among the three Services," the Minister said.

He said that ICT architecture is a very big and invisible architecture.

"Here also, all the Services have developed their ICT architecture. It is our endeavor that there should be interoperability between these three Services, so that we can

use our resources in the best way," the Minister said.

Rajnath Singh said that logistics in future wars will require jointness not only among the services, but also among all bodies of the country in the form of industrial back-up, research and development, material support, industry and manpower.

The Minister said that a robust, secure and speedy logistics supply system was an important requirement to take the economy of a country to greater heights.

Underlining the fact that India has become the fifth largest economy in the world and that the country is fast moving towards becoming a 5 trillion dollar economy, he said that whether it was a battlefield or civil sector, the criticality of logistics sustenance is going to increase in future.

UP tops in developing Amrit Sarovars

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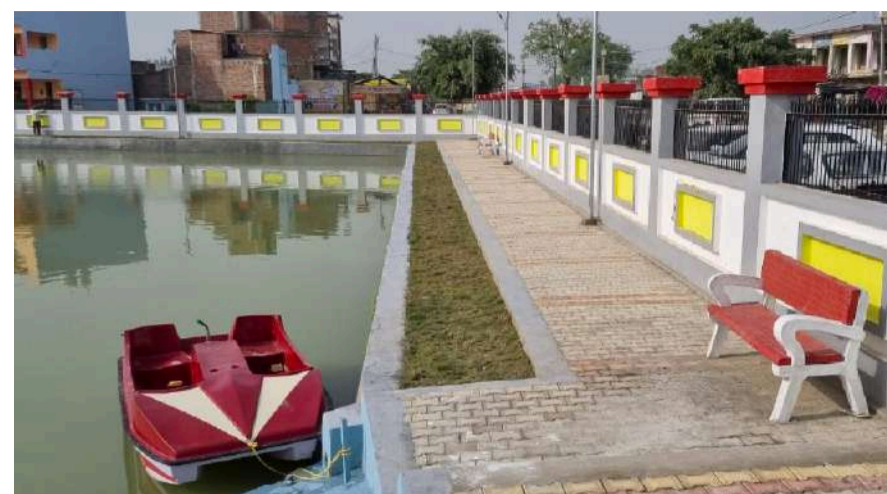
LUCKNOW: With construction of a total of 8,462 Amrit Sarovars (lakes), Uttar Pradesh has topped states in the implementation of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ambitious mission, which is aimed at conserving water for the future.

Madhya Pradesh is ranked second, Jammu and Kashmir third, Rajasthan fourth and Tamil Nadu fifth in the implementation of Mission Amrit Sarovar.

In UP, Lakhimpur Kheri has secured first position by constructing 256 Amrit Sarovars in the state, while Gorakhpur and Pratapgarh have got second and third positions respectively with 244 and 231 lakes.

Director of Rural Development Department GS Priyadarshi on Monday said on the instructions of Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath as many as 15,497 Amrit Sarovars were identified in different village panchayats of which 8,462 have already been developed, which is almost twice the total number of Amrit Sarovars developed collectively in MP, Jammu and Kashmir, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu.

According to Priyadarshi in MP, Jammu and Kashmir, Rajasthan and Tamil Nadu, 1,668, 1,458, 898 and 818



Amrit Sarovars have been developed respectively so far. Besides, construction of 3,705 Amrit Sarovars is underway in MP, 406 in Jammu and Kashmir, 2,385 in Rajasthan and 763 in Tamil Nadu. Altogether 15,497 Amrit Sarovars in UP, 5,994 in MP, 3,699 in Jammu and Kashmir, 5,097 in Rajasthan and 3,765 in Tamil Nadu have been identified for development under the mission.

UP is the only state in the country where the development work of Amrit Sarovar, is going on on a war footing. In all 1.20 lakh Amrit Sarovars will be developed in the state, which is the highest in the country.

In Lakhimpur Kheri, work on 256 Amrit Sarovars out of 315 has been completed whereas construction of 25 is underway.

Similarly, construction of 244 out of 312 Amrit Sarovars has been completed in Gorakhpur while work is going on on 18. Moreover, construction of 231 lakes out of 282 has been completed in Pratapgarh and work is underway on the rest.

Director Priyadarshi said in the first phase of the mission under the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme, a target was set to develop 75 Amrit Sarovar in 75 districts of the state,

which was completed ahead of schedule. The Yogi government also seeks to develop at least two Amrit Sarovars in 58 gram panchayats (approximately 1.20 lakh) in the second phase. The government has developed 7500 Amrit Sarovars under the Amrit Mahotsava of Independence.

Notably, the large-scale construction of Amrit Sarovars is also providing employment to a sizable section of the rural population in UP. It has solved the irrigation problem of farmers and also increased their income. Apart from this, villagers are increasing their income by doing fish farming in Amrit Sarovar.

MoS Muraleedharan to visit Kenya, Eritrea

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NEW DELHI: Minister of State for External Affairs V Muraleedharan will visit Kenya on Wednesday to attend the swearing-in ceremony of President elect Dr William Samoei Ruto as the fifth President of the country.

Thereafter, the Minister will pay an official visit to Eritrea on September 14-15, the Ministry of External Affairs said. This will be his first visit to Eritrea.

In Kenya, the Minister will also attend a business event where he is expected to meet and address the captains of Kenyan industry and business persons doing business with India.

Muraleedharan will also attend a community event where he will interact with the members of the Indian community living in Kenya.

India enjoys friendly and historic relations with Kenya underpinned by high-level exchange of political visits. The visit by the Minister is expected to further strengthen the bilateral relations between the two countries, the Indian government said.



In Eritrea, Muraleedharan will call on the President Isaias Afwerki and hold talks with Foreign Minister Osman Saleh Mohammed on bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual interest.

He will also interact with the Indian community in Eritrea during the visit.

India enjoys warm and cordial relations with Eritrea. Since its independence in 1993, India has offered a range of capacity building assistance in diverse fields to the youth of Eritrea.

A sizeable Indian community lives in Eritrea, mostly professors and teachers and those working for companies.

The visit is likely to give new momentum to India's relations with Eritrea.

SC seeks Centre's response to petitions challenging CAA



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NEW DELHI: The Supreme Court on Monday sought detailed responses from central government in a bunch of pleas challenging the Citizenship Amendment Act (CAA).

"The Union of India (UOI) shall file appropriate responses with respect to segments of challenges. Let the needful be done in 4 weeks from Monday," the two-judge bench of the apex court, headed by the Chief Justice of India (CJI) Uday Umesh Lalit, said.

The bench, also comprising Justice S Ravindra Bhat, also said that so far as the

state of Assam and Tripura is concerned, they shall also file its compilation and also complete pleadings within four weeks and their pleadings shall also be taken into consideration for the compilation, and fixed the matter for further hearing to October 31.

The Supreme Court said that once the issues are identified and petitions are segregated, then it will consider and decide as to whether the matter will be referred to a three-judge bench or not.

The Supreme Court is hearing around 200 number of petitions challenging the CAA.

French Foreign Minister to visit India

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NEW DELHI: French Foreign Minister Catherine Colonna will pay an official visit to India from today to September 15 to discuss bilateral, regional and international issues.

Colonna will hold talks with External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on September 14 on bilateral, regional and international issues of mutual interest, the Ministry of External Affairs said.

She will travel to Mumbai for engagements with industry leaders and site visits on September 15.



India and France have a long-standing strategic partnership, strengthened by regular high level consultations and growing convergences in various areas. Colonna's visit will

pave the way for further strengthening of the partnership across trade, defence, climate, migration and mobility, education and health sectors, the Indian Ministry said

India and France held consultations on UN Security Council (UNSC) last month in Paris and agreed to strengthen their ongoing cooperation on issues of mutual interest, including on Counter Terrorism, UN Peacekeeping and Reformed Multilateralism.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Emmanuel Macron recently reviewed ongoing bilateral initiatives including defence cooperation projects, cooperation in civil nuclear energy and also discussed important geopolitical challenges including those related to global food security.

Delhi Police summons Bollywood actress Jacqueline



AGENCIES

NEW DELHI: In a latest development in connection with the Rs 200 crore Prevention of Money Laundering case involving multi-millionaire conman Suresh Chandrashekhar, the Economic Offences Wing (EOW) of Delhi Police on Monday issued fresh summons to Bollywood actress Jacqueline Fernandez to join the investigation on Wednesday.

She was asked to appear on Monday but due to some reasons it was postponed. She had written an email to the Delhi Police, requesting them to postpone her questioning, which was scheduled to take place on Monday. Her request was accepted by the police. Now, the officials have issued

fresh summons to her. Earlier in the first week of September, the EOW officials had recorded the testimony of another Bollywood actress Nora Fatehi in the matter.

Chandrashekhar was arrested for allegedly cheating and extorting money from some high-profile people, including former Fortis Healthcare promoter Shivinder Mohan Singh's wife Aditi Singh. Many Bollywood actors and models have been questioned by the Enforcement Directorate for their alleged links to Chandrashekhar.

In April last year, he was arrested in another money laundering case linked to the 2017 Election Commission bribery case, which allegedly involved a former AIADMK leader, among others.

Goa CM orders inquiry into melting of sugar

AGENCIES

PANAJI: Subsequent to inquiry into 241 tonne Tur Dal wastage, Goa Chief Minister Pramod Sawant on Monday ordered a vigilance probe into sugar wastage.

"In Tur Dal rotting case, altogether five to six persons are involved. I have directed (to vigilance) to take strict action against them," Sawant told reporters here.

"After issue of Tur Dal, I have got a file of sugar (which has melted), I have given the same remark even in this case that those involved should get stringent punishment. In the case of sugar wastage, I have directed to conduct vigilance inquiry and find out who are involved in it," Sawant further said.

He said that those involved in the wastage of Tur Dal and sugar will get stringent punishment. According to sources, around 10.3 tonne of sugar costing Rs 3.5 crore was found melted in godowns.

"Government will not tolerate negligence like Tur Dal rotting incidents. We will take action against officers responsible for it, Sawant had said on August 25.

Earlier, Goa Forward Party President and MLA Vijai Sardesai had demanded an independent investigation by Central agencies in wastage of 241 tonne of Tur Dal, procured by Civil Supplies Department for public distribution during Covid-19 pandemic in 2020.

"We have written a letter to the Prime Minister. It is criminal wastage and hence investigation should be done. Just for eyewash, the government has suspended former director of Civil Supply Siddhivinayak Naik. He has been made scapegoat in this matter without proper inquiry. Then Minister (of Civil Supplies Govind Gaude) and Chief Minister Pramod Sawant had taken the decision of Tur Dal procurement in cabinet in 2020," Sardesai had said.

The 'Tur Dal wastage' issue had come to light after the government had issued advertisements inviting bidders to dispose it.

Veteran actor Krishnam Raju cremated with state honours

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HYDERABAD: The mortal remains of veteran actor and former Union minister U V Krishnam Raju, popularly known as Rebel Star, was consigned to flames at his farm house in Kanakamamidi village near Moinabad with full 'state honours' on Monday.

Actor Prabhas brother U Prabodh lit the pyre. Police fired gun shots in the air and gave gun salute to him as part of state funeral accorded to the veteran actor by the Telangana Gov-

ernment. Hundreds of his fans, family members and relatives bid a tearful adieu to the departed soul.

Actors Mohan Babu Jagapathi Babu, Krishna Raju's wife and three daughters and his nephew and actor Prabhas were present.

BJP leader and former Minister Etala Rajender was also present at the farm house.

Earlier, the mortal remains of Raju was taken



to Kanakamamidi village in a flower-bedecked van from his Jubilee Hills residence here Monday afternoon where the last rites were performed. Tight security arrangements have been made by the Police at the farm house.

Many celebrities from the film industry and politicians, including former Vice President M Venkaiah Naidu paid their last respects to the former Union Minister at his residence.

Krishnam Raju died of cardiac arrest at AIG Hospitals in Gachibowli while undergoing treatment for post-Covid ailments in the early hours of Sunday at the age of 82.

Assam to bring new law to check human trafficking

AGENCIES

GUWAHATI: To check the increasing number of human trafficking cases in Assam, the government has planned to formulate a new law in the state.

Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma on Monday said that the new law will be introduced to protect those working as domestic help. He has claimed that this will ensure the safety of those people and bring down the cases of human trafficking.

Once the law would be tabled in the assembly, the households in the state employing domestic help may have to undergo police proceedings and follow a series of accountability measures, Chief Minister informed the state assembly.

Sarma further said, "There is a mindset among the people that human trafficking happens only when a child or teenager is taken to other states. But when the same person is taken out of his or her home to a different district or place inside the state boundary,

we overlook it." Moreover, the Assam CM said that he believes that any child who is below 14 years and is separated from his or her parents is a kind of trafficking.

The new law would hold the persons accountable if any kind of untoward incident happens to the domestic help.

"The employers of domestic help will be responsible for a teenager's education and health, as per the proposed law. People also have to mandatorily register their domestic help credentials with local police," Sarma added.

As per the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) report, Assam recorded 149 cases of human trafficking in which 379 victims were rescued. The NCRB data has shown a constant rise in human trafficking cases in Assam over the last few years. In 2020, around 103 cases were registered in which 151 victims were rescued. In 2021, Assam recorded the second highest number of human trafficking cases amongst all states in the country.



SAFF U-17 Championship: India defeat Bangladesh 2-1, book spot in final

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NEW DELHI: India defeated Bangladesh 2-1 in the SAFF U-17 Championship semifinal in the summit clash at the Racecourse International Stadium in Colombo on Monday.

Striker Thanglalsoun Gangte netted a second-half brace, to win the match for India, as Bangladesh later pulled one back via a Mirajul Islam penalty.

Both teams looked to size each other up throughout the first half while creating several chances, which went to waste in the end. The only real chance of the half fell India's way, but the team failed to make it count. In the 16th minute, Korou Singh sent in a cross from the right for Gangte who managed to shoulder his marker in the box.

As the clock wound down, both sides headed to the dressing room with the scorers yet to be troubled. However, India came out after the change of ends with all the impetus and soon took the lead.

The Indian team surged into the lead five minutes after the resumption, as striker Thanglalsoun Gangte, who was lurking around the opposition box, received it just outside the



area, and even as the jungle of legs tried to close him down, the striker delectably finished it to the right of the goalkeeper in a flash -- a dream finish for any striker.

The lead was doubled some seven minutes later off a brilliant counter-attack. The Indian defenders thwarted a rival attack inside the box, and the counter-attack down the right caught Bangladesh unaware. Eventually, Vanlalpeka Guite sent it into the box and Gangte made no mistake to tap it in.

However, Bangladesh pulled one back in just a few minutes, after they were awarded a penalty for a soft

foul. Striker Mirajul Islam stepped up to the spot and sent Indian keeper Sahil the wrong way, to score his side's first goal of the match.

That goal provided a lot of impetus to the Bangladesh attack, as they kept searching for the equalizer. Meanwhile, India played it smart, exploiting the gaps left behind in the Bangladesh back line, to formulate their counter-attacks.

Substitute Lalpekhlua had a couple of chances with around 15 minutes of regulation time left on the clock, but could not extend the lead. At the other end, Indian defender Mukul Panwar made many crucial

blocks, to keep the opposition at bay.

The Indian team will now proceed to the final, where it will face the winner of the second semifinal between Nepal and hosts Sri Lanka, which kicks off later on Monday. The final will be played on September 14, with the match kicking off at the same venue at 8 PM IST.

India U-17: Sahil (GK), Vanlalpeka Guite, Ricky Meetei, Mukul Panwar, Manjot Singh Dhami, Gurnaj Singh Grewal, Korou Singh, Thanglalsoun Gangte (Aman 76'), Bobby Singh (Lalpekhlua 66'), Malemngamba Singh Thokchom, Danny Meetei.

India name squad for Men's T20 World Cup, T20Is against S Africa and Australia; Bumrah, Harshal return



T20 WORLD CUP SQUAD ANNOUNCED

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MUMBAI: India on Monday announced their 15-member squad for the upcoming ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2022, with fit-again Jasprit Bumrah and Harshal Patel, making their comeback.

India's squad for the World Cup in Australia is largely along expected lines and has only a few changes from the fifteen, who took part in the recently concluded Asia Cup 2022.

Both Bumrah and Harshal had missed the multi-nation tournament in the UAE due to respective injuries and their return for the marquee event will bolster the team's fast bowling ranks. Arshdeep Singh and Bhuvneshwar Kumar are the other two pacers in the squad, along with the all-rounder Hardik Pandya.

However, the squad led by Rohit Sharma will miss the services of all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja, who sustained a right knee injury during the Asia Cup and recently underwent surgery. Left-hander Axar Patel will step in as a like-for-like replacement for Jadeja. Apart from Axar, R Ashwin and Yuzvendra Chahal and Axar Patel are the other two specialist spinners.

From the Asia Cup

squad, the likes of Ravi Bishnoi and Avesh Khan have made way for Bumrah and Harshal while Deepak Hooda holds on to his spot.

Avesh conceded at an economy of 12 runs per over in the two games that he played before being ruled out with an illness. On the other hand, wrist-spinner Ravi Bishnoi played a solitary game against Pakistan but was dropped for the next game despite doing well.

The batting unit is identical to the one that played the Asia Cup with captain Rohit Sharma, KL Rahul, Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Rishabh Pant, and Dinesh Karthik all included. Mohammed Shami, the pacer, has been named as a standby player, along with fellow pacer Deepak Chahal, Ravi Bishnoi, and batter Shreyas Iyer.

Along with the T20 World Cup, the All-India Senior Selection Committee also picked India's squads for the upcoming home T20I series against Australia and South Africa at home.

World Cup standbys Mohammed Shami and Deepak Chahal have been picked in the squads that will play Australia and South Africa in the build-up to the marquee event. While Shami hasn't played

T20Is since last year's World Cup, Chahal made his international T20I comeback against Afghanistan in India's last Asia Cup game.

The duo will come in for Arshdeep Singh, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, and Hardik Pandya, who will report to the National Cricket Academy in Bengaluru for conditioning-related work at different times during the course of these two home series.

While Arshdeep will miss the series against Australia, Bhuvneshwar and Hardik will sit out the following assignment against South Africa.

"Hardik Pandya, Arshdeep Singh, and Bhuvneshwar Kumar will be reporting to the NCA for conditioning-related work during the course of the home series against Australia and South Africa," the BCCI said in a statement.

Australia will play their three T20Is at Mohali (September 20), Nagpur (September 23), and Hyderabad (September 25) while South Africa will start their tour with T20Is at Thiruvananthapuram (September 28), Guwahati (October 2), and Indore (October 4).

India will also play the Proteas in a three-match ODI series just before the World Cup, the squad for

which will be announced in due course.

India squad for ICC T20 World Cup: Rohit Sharma (captain), KL Rahul (vice-captain), Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Deepak Hooda, Rishabh Pant (wicket-keeper), Dinesh Karthik (wicket-keeper), Hardik Pandya, R Ashwin, Yuzvendra Chahal, Axar Patel, Jasprit Bumrah, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Harshal Patel, Arshdeep Singh.

Standby players - Mohd Shami, Shreyas Iyer, Ravi Bishnoi, Deepak Chahal.

India Squad for Australia T20Is: Rohit Sharma (Captain), Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Deepak Hooda, Rishabh Pant (wicket-keeper), Dinesh Karthik (wicket-keeper), Hardik Pandya, R Ashwin, Yuzvendra Chahal, Axar Patel, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Mohd. Shami, Harshal Patel, Deepak Chahal, Jasprit Bumrah.

India squad for South Africa T20Is: Rohit Sharma (captain), KL Rahul (vice-captain), Virat Kohli, Suryakumar Yadav, Deepak Hooda, Rishabh Pant (wicket-keeper), Dinesh Karthik (wicket-keeper), R Ashwin, Yuzvendra Chahal, Axar Patel, Arshdeep Singh, Mohd Shami, Harshal Patel, Deepak Chahal, Jasprit Bumrah.

Carlos Alcaraz becomes the youngest No. 1 men's tennis player with a U.S. Open win

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NEW YORK: Considered the next big thing in men's tennis, Carlos Alcaraz used his combination of determination and maturity to beat Casper Ruud 6-4, 2-6, 7-6 (1), 6-3 in the U.S. Open final on Sunday to earn his first Grand Slam title at age of 19 and become the youngest man to be ranked No. 1 in ATP rankings.

The 19-year-old has become the youngest Grand Slam champion since countryman Rafael Nadal, 19, lifted the trophy at Roland Garros in 2005, while he is the youngest U.S. Open titlist since Pete Sampras, 19, in 1990.

Alcaraz arrived at Flushing Meadows as the World No. 4. However, he leaves the hard-court major in the top spot, becoming the youngest player to rise to the top of the ATP Rankings (since 1973).

Alcaraz has also equaled the biggest jump to No. 1, while he is the fourth Spaniard to climb to the top, joining coach Ferrero, Carlos Moya, and Nadal.

"It is something I have dreamt of since I was a kid. To be No. 1 in



the world, to be champion of a Grand Slam, is something I have worked really, really hard for," Alcaraz said during the trophy ceremony.

"It is tough to talk right now, I have lots of emotions. This is something I have tried to achieve. All the hard work I have done with my team and my family. I am just 19 years old, all the tough decisions have been with my parents and my team as well. It is something that is really special for me."

Disney Star acquires broadcast rights of season 2 of Legends League Cricket in India

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NEW DELHI: Cricket fans in the country are in for a real blast from the past as fabled legends of the game from across the globe descend on the field once again in Season 2 of the Legends League Cricket that will get underway from September 16-October 5.

The organizers have announced Disney Star as the official broadcasters of the tournament that will witness all the 16 matches being aired on the Star Sports Network and Disney+ Hotstar.

The legends of cricket representing ten cricketing nations will regale fans with not only competitive and exciting cricket but also revive the nostalgia and timeless rivalries that these players shared between them.

"The way we had envisioned the League and all the partners that have. We have India's best Sports broadcaster showcasing the Legends League and the finest Sports Commentators and Analysts will be bringing forth the matches to innumerable

cricket fans across the country. Am really happy that the best and finest in the business of Cricket are stakeholders in our journey," said Raman Raheja, CEO and Co-Founder of Legends League Cricket.

Speaking about acquiring the Legends League Cricket Rights, a Disney Star spokesperson said, "We are delighted to associate with the Legends League Cricket for Season 2. Disney Star is home to the best of cricket properties, providing fans with memorable moments to cherish. We look forward to elevating the experience of Legends Cricket League through our unique brand of story-telling, and programming."

With top Indian business houses, Adani Sportsline, GMR Sports, Manipal Group, and the LNJ Bhilwara Groups owning the four franchise teams Gujarat Giants, India Capitals, Manipal Tigers, and Bhilwara Kings respectively, the biggest names from the cricketing world will be seen taking the field and challenging each other in this exciting tournament.

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Sub:- Extension in bidding time for Short Term e-NIT No. 24 OF 2022-23, Dated: 25-08-2022 for below mentioned works:-

Part-3:-

Providing, fitting and testing of bearing to vertical type, 03 phase induction motor No. 02 at LIS Lethpora Stage-I.

Ref:- JK Government official e-Procurement portal Tender ID No :- 2022_IFC_185528_3

EXTENSION NOTICE 2

Due to poor response to above mentioned sub-part of this office above referred e-NIT for the subject works, the critical dates are again extended as under: -

Bid submission/ Document download / sale end Date	16/09/2022 at 1400 hrs
Date and time of Bid opening	17/09/2022 at 1400 hrs

Rest of the terms and conditions shall remain un-altered as laid down in the original e-NIT.

No. MIDS/Ts/ 2271-76
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Srinagar

Government of Jammu & Kashmir
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NOTICE INVITING TENDERS
e-NIT No. - 19 of 2022-23 DATED:09-09-2022
Retender of e-NIT No. - 11 of 2022-23 DATED: 22-08-2022,
e-NIT No. - 07 of 2022-23 DATED: 26-07-2022 and e-NIT No. - 03 of 2022-23 DATED: 04-07-2022 S.No.2

For and on behalf of the Hon'ble President of India, e-tenders are invited from registered, reputed and resourceful Contractors/Firms registered with Jammu & Kashmir Govt. for the following works: -

S/N	Particulars of Work	Comptt.	Adv. Cost Rs in Lac	Bid Security	Class of Contractor	Cost of Tender Document	Time of completion
1.	Extraction, Conversion, Carriage & Transportation of Firewood (dead/ drift-wood/ salvage stock having no timber value) to the tune of 2500 Quintals upto PC Depot Srinagar and Firewood Depot(s) in Pulwama	Ri-3, Ri-4, Ri-15b, Ri-16, Ri-21, Ri-22	7.343	BSD Form	"C & D" Forest Contractor,JKFDC Contractor	Rs.300	Three calendar Months

The e-NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, scope of work, Bills of Quantities, (B.O.Q), Terms & Conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental Website:- www.jktenders.gov.in.
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Position of AA: Accorded
Position of TS: Accorded

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Download Start Date :	10-09-2022 from 01:00 PM
Bid submission Start Date:	10-09-2022 from 01:00 PM
Bid submission End Date:	17-09-2022 Up to 06:00 PM
Date of Opening of Technical Bid through online:	19-09-2022 at 02:00 PM in the Office of the Conservator of Forests Kashmir South Circle Bijbehara Anantnag.
Date of Opening of Financial Bid through online:	To be opened (Online) at any convenient date and time after complete Evaluation of Technical Bids Received.

TERMS & CONDITIONS

- The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the departmental website: <http://www.jktenders.gov.in>. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get Digital Signature Certificate (DSC) as per Information Technology Act. Bidders can get Digital Certificate from approved vendor.
- Bids uploaded must accompany Govt. Treasury Receipt (cost of tender document) in the shape of Treasury Challan for the amount shown against the work above to be deposited in Govt. Treasury under Account Head 0406-Forest and Bid Security in the shape of Bid Security Declaration form duly filled in with time period prescribed and addressed to Divisional Forest Officer. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids.
- As per rule 171 of GFR-2017, Performance Security shall have to be deposited by successful bidder to the order of 3% of the value of contract and if there are compelling circumstances, performance security in excess of three percent may also be demanded.
- The bidders have to submit their Technical & Financial bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No Technical or financial bid will be accepted in physical/hard form. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents i.e. BSD Form, Valid Registration Card issued by Forest Department / FDC duly renewed for the current year 2022-23, PAN, Valid GST Registration, Govt. Treasury receipt (Cost of Tender Document).
- The successful bidder has to produce Valid Labour Registration Certificate issued by Labour Department after issuance of award of contract.
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- The Department shall not be held responsible for selection criteria/policy matter being adopted by the Directorate of Information regarding publishing the NIT, in any of the newspaper under circulation.
- The Tender Accepting Authority reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
- All other terms and conditions shall remain same as per PWD form 25 (double leaf) and as per the Detailed Tender document.

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2nd Death Anniversary of



Advocate Bilal Ahmad Bhat (@Fila)

*Our brother, our friend, our mate Advocate Bilal Ahmad Bhat (@Fila), left us Midway
It has been 2 years of loneliness, sad moments without your live personality.
We badly miss you, Fila. What it meant to lose you, no one will ever know.
We make sure your legacy lives forever. You will always remain in our thoughts and Prayers.
May Allah bless you with a place in Jannah, Aameen.*

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