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### Youth Stabbed To Death In Srinagar

REHAN QAYOUM MIR

**SRINAGAR:** A teenage boy was stabbed to death in Srinagar's Dalgate area on Saturday afternoon while the accused, who is a juvenile as per the police, has been arrested, officials said.

An official said that a scuffle took place at Srinagar's Chinar Bagh.

A 15-year-old boy identified as Burhan Nisar from Konakhan Dalgate was attacked with a sharp weapon in his chest, resulting in his on spot death, they said, adding that a juvenile involved in the act has also been arrested by police.

Soon after the **•P-02**



### Army Porter Injured In Poonch Blast

**SRINAGAR:** An Army porter along with his horse was injured in a landmine blast along LoC in Poonch district on Saturday.

Official sources said that an Army porter identified as Mukhtiar Ahmad, son of Mohd Saleem Mir and a resident of Gagrian Sawjian was injured in a landmine blast along the Line of Control (LoC) at Mauli Dhokh Sawjian, Poonch.

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The injured porter **•P-02**



## Article 370 Hearing

# Revoking Article 370 Had Parliament's Backing, SC Told

**NEW DELHI:** The Supreme Court, on the 14th day of the hearing of the pleas against the abrogation of Article 370, was told that the decision to revoke the constitutional provision was not solely made by the political executive but had the backing of the Parliament.

Senior advocate Rakesh Dwivedi, appearing for intervenor Ashwini Upadhyay, said that the word 'recommendation' in Article 370 indicated that the consent of the Constituent Assembly of Jammu and Kashmir was not required for its abrogation.

He argued that the entire Parliament, including Members of Parliament from Jammu and Kashmir, had been consulted and had given their consent to the move.



Dwivedi argued that the Constituent Assembly of Jammu and Kashmir had certain limitations during the framing of its constitution, unlike the Constituent Assembly of India. He said that the Jammu and Kashmir Constituent Assembly was bound by various factors, including the Indian Constitution, the principles

**'MPS FROM** Jammu and Kashmir, had been consulted'

**'ART-370** was always intended to be a temporary provision'

'Ultimate goal was complete **INTEGRATION** of J&K with other states'

**'NEXT HEARING** set to continue on September 4'

**THE CESSATION OF OPERATION OF ARTICLE 370 HAS ALWAYS BEEN CONSIDERED AS DEPENDENT** on a Presidential Order. Once Article 370 is abrogated, then the entirety of the constitutional provisions, including those providing for distribution of legislative power, exercise of executive authority, separation of powers among different organs of the state and provisions providing for a federal structure, would ipso facto apply,"

### Woman Impersonating As 'Police Officer' Arrested

**SRINAGAR:** Jammu and Kashmir Police in Baramulla on Saturday said to have arrested a woman impersonating as a police officer.

According to an official statement issued on September 1, 2023, the incident came to light when a complaint was filed by Wasif Hassan of Kunzer at Police Station Kunzer. Hassan reported that during a bus journey, he was approached by a woman named Aisha, who claimed to be a Sub-Inspector currently serving at Police Station Kunzer. She assured Hassan that she had the **•P-02**



### G-20 SUMMIT

#### NEET-SS Exams Now On Sept 29, 30

JAHANGEER GANAIE

**SRINAGAR:** The National Eligibility cum Entrance Test (NEET) Super Specialty 2023 will be held in New Delhi on September 29 and 30, the National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences (NBEMS) announced on Saturday.

The exams earlier scheduled for September 9 and 10 were postponed as the dates clashed with the **•P-02**



## India Successfully Orbits Aditya-L1 To Study Sun



**VENKATACHARI JAGANNATHAN**

**SRIHARIKOTA:** India's workhorse rocket PSLV successfully put its Aditya-L1 spacecraft to study the Sun into orbit on Saturday afternoon in a textbook style.

From there it will be a long four-month journey for Aditya-L1- suitably named after the Sun God in Hindu mythology- as it has to travel about 1.5 million km to its intended slot to **•P-02**

## India Front-Ranking Scientific Power Today: LG Sinha

Interacts With BHU Alumni At Hyderabad

**GMK NEWS NETWORK**

**HYDERABAD:** Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha interacted with the Banaras Hindu University-BHU Alumni at Hyderabad, Saturday and paid tributes to Mahamana Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya.

In his address, the Lt Governor recalled the significant contribution of Mahamana Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya in bringing scientific and industrial revolution in the country.

"Mahamana Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya laid the foundation of the knowledge society and played a key role in taking the benefits of science, technology and education to **•P-02**



## J&K Set To Become 'Terror Free Region': DGP

**WARIS FAYAZ**

**SOPORE:** Jammu and Kashmir's Director General of Police (DGP) Dilbagh Singh Saturday said the UT is moving towards becoming a "terror free region" and the police will now take on drug challenge tooth and nail.

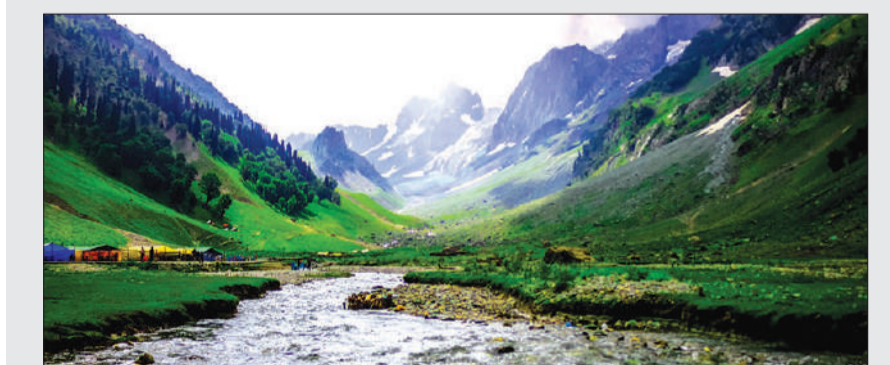
"Jammu and Kashmir is all set to become a terror free region. Terrorism is at an all-time low and the number of terrorists is very less. We are working to eradicate remnants of terrorism," the DGP told reporters on the sidelines of a function at District Police Lines (DPL), Sopore. He said that police will now take on the challenge of drug



menace and will ensure to eradicate drug abuse and narco-smuggling from J&K.

"Sopore was once known as a hot bed of militancy and today business is flourishing everywhere here. Peace prevails on roads and **•P-02**

## 'HOTELS JAM-PACKED' Over 5 Lakh Tourists Visit Sonamarg In Last 7 Months



**RAJA SYED RATHER**

**GANDERBAL:** Sonamarg, a famous tourist place in Central Kashmir's Ganderbal district, is witnessing massive footfall of tourists with 5,08,907 tourists visiting the destination in the last seven months.

Sonamarg, known as 'the meadow of gold' with snow clad mountains, situated at an altitude of 2730 m, is a mesmerizing hill station in district Ganderbal.

There was a surge in footfall of tourists from Jan to July with a total of 5,08,907 tourists visiting the place.

Of total, 4,76,010 were domestic visitors, 4,058 foreigners and 28,839 were locals, the officials told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO).

This is for the first time that Sonamarg witnessed a massive footfall of foreign tourists.

Abdul Rahim said that this season remained fruitful. "We are hopeful that the destination will witness many events, cultural programs in the future, which will give a further boost to the tourism sector," he said.

"The flow of tourists is much better than what it was earlier. We are thankful to the tourism department for **•P-02**

## Army Chief Visits Forward Areas In Rajouri



**GMK NEWS NETWORK**

**JAMMU:** Chief of Indian Army General Manoj Pande on Saturday visited forward areas on the line of control (LoC) in J-K's Rajouri district.

A defence statement said today, "Army Chief General Manoj Pande visited and reviewed the forward areas in Rajouri Sector.

"COAS was briefed by Commanders on ground about the operational preparedness & prevailing security situation.

"COAS appreciated the operational readiness & effective domination of LoC."

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Good Morning Kashmir

EDITORIAL

Domestic Violence

Day in and day out we witness stories of broken families. Earlier we would hear the same in calibrated whispers but now people have no qualms about washing their dirty linen in public. Angry wives seeking divorce, weeping husbands complaining about irresponsible wives, daughter-in-laws complaining of strict mother-in-laws, father complaining of disobedient sons and daughters - all these stories are narrated in Press lane Srinagar under full media gaze. The feed of the same stories goes viral on social media and people curse whom they assume and infer as the guilty party. On baker's shops, milk-selling shops, butchers shops these stories are narrated with exhaustive commentary by one and all. Things have come to such a pass that every family dispute is brought to press lane in Srinagar and people no longer fear the consequences of such an act. People are least bothered about losing privacy for a lifetime by such foolish acts. These minor issues ought to be solved at the mohalla committee level without any intrusion into the privacy of all parties concerned. Domestic violence has become a daily affair in a good percentage of homes in Kashmir. Known as the valley of seers of all religions it is amazing that people are so easily giving up on each other. Government needs to broadcast counseling programs on radio and television making people aware about ways of conflict management, making mohalla committees stronger, making women aware about their rights and bringing both disputing parties to a compromise. People must also refrain from making such videos viral on social media. If today it is someone else's story, tomorrow it can be our story too. Let us hope for a better tomorrow.

Why The World Needs A Different Mobilization Of People

BHARAT DOGRA

People have been generally organized in the form of unions, political parties, sects, dissident groups, voluntary organizations and other groups requiring their own discipline and having their own programs. The world now needs a different kind of mobilization which does not require much of this discipline and not even a very firm program. Instead what we need is a much more informal mobilization of people at a world level.

This mobilization must be based on the heartfelt acceptance by those joining it of the broad idea that human life should be based on ideas of justice, equality, peace, protection of environment and biodiversity. Along with this there should be an understanding that the world faces a survival crisis which should get priority attention. In brief the entire understanding can be remembered as an abbreviation JEPPS, comprising justice (J), equality (E), peace (P), protection of environment and biodiversity (P), and survival issues prioritization (S).

Since the attempt here is to achieve a broad understanding and unity on these issues, there is deliberately not any centralized effort to go in great detail into various aspects of this understanding, and what it implies in the context of various current happenings. The more modest aim is to have a mobilization of people which broadly believes truly in these precepts (but may have different interpretations in specific contexts). Let them have these different interpretations and discussions based on this. Let them speak in different voices. The aim really is only that people get used to thinking on the basis of JEPPS principles, get self-trained in this (with help from various sources when needed). Hence we have people asking in various contexts—what is good and correct from the perspective of justice? What is good from the perspective of peace and environment protection? How do we combine best the aims of justice, peace and environment protection in this context? How can we achieve climate change mitigation and adaptation in



justice based ways? How can the world eliminate weapons of mass destruction and can common people have a role in this? So the first aim here is to have more people committed to JEPPS and getting self-trained all the time in seeking answers to local, national and global issues on the basis of JEPPS.

The second aspect is that instead of emphasizing organizational discipline and uniformity of views on various current issues, this mobilization merely emphasizes friendship, cooperation, linking up and free discussion among people committed to JEPPS. This mobilization does not ask for any exclusive commitment on the part of its members or for any membership fee. Those who participate in this mobilization are free to be members of any other group that does not clearly and openly violate JEPPS thinking in basic ways.

Such a mobilization is desirable and possible on a global basis simply because it is really needed everywhere. The survival crisis, whether in the form of climate change or other related serious environmental problems or weap-

ons of mass destruction, threaten us all in all parts of the world, and solutions to the survival crisis must be based on an agenda of justice, equality, peace, protection of environment and biodiversity. A world in which there is better realization of this will be a much better and safer world.

The JEPPS thinking is capable of reducing human and animal distress in a big way. Unfortunately most people of world are still guided by various narrow kinds of thinking, involving selfishness, sectarianism and violence, which prolongs and accentuates existing serious world problems. In such a situation a democratic, open and transparent mobilization of people who believe in JEPPS and are genuinely committed to learning to explore and understand issues on the basis of JEPPS will be an important step forward to creating a better world.

Such cooperation among people who believe in JEPPS can begin at the local level. Initial interactions and mobilization can certainly lead to cooperation for some act of justice and peace, or for reducing distress in other ways. This is

quite likely. However cooperation based on communication using modern methods with people in distant parts is also possible. People may like to exchange information and experiences on how looking at everything from a perspective of justice, equality, peace, environment protection etc. helped to change their own life for the better and led to several very creative possibilities. This exchange of information can then help to take the mobilization further.

What is at the heart of these efforts is that more and more people engage in efforts to lead a life based on justice, equality, peace, protection of environment / biodiversity and resolving the survival crisis, learn to link everyday life with this and thereby remain engaged with the most creative and socially relevant possibilities of human life. (CC)

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The Modi Legacy Leadership, Development And Diplomacy



PROF. JASIM MOHAMMAD

In the annals of leadership, some figures stand out not merely as heads of state but as architects of profound change. Narendra Modi, the 14th Prime Minister of India, embodies this transformative spirit, a dynamic leader whose impact resonates far beyond his country's borders. From redefining India's developmental trajectory to advocating for global harmony, Modi's journey reflects the essence of a visionary leader. PM's ascent to the Prime Minister's office in 2014 marked a turning point for India. Born on September 17, 1950, in Vadnagar, a small town in Gujarat, he navigated a path laden with challenges to become a symbol of hope for millions. His tenure as Chief Minister of Gujarat (2001-2014) showcased his dedication to driving economic growth, emphasising innovation, and nurturing a spirit of entrepreneurship. His governance philosophy is anchored in his fervent belief in 'Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas'—inclusive development for all. Initiatives like 'Make in India' and 'Digital India' were designed to accelerate economic growth and enhance connectivity, aligning with his vision of a prosperous India. Through the 'Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana', he ensured financial inclusion for millions, empowering them to participate in the nation's progress.

However, his impact extends beyond economic realms. As an apostle of world peace, his efforts have aimed at fostering global harmony. One hallmark of his leadership is the 'International Day of Yoga,' celebrated annually on June 21. This initiative, proposed by him in his maiden address to the United Nations General Assembly, underscores his endeavour to promote holistic wellness and unity among nations.

His emphasis on sustainable development aligns with his commitment to safeguarding the environment. The 'International Solar Alliance,' a collaborative platform for solar-rich countries, exemplifies his vision to combat climate change through innovative strategies. In matters of foreign policy, his approach is rooted in pragmatic diplomacy. His outreach to neighboring nations, such as the 'Neighborhood First' policy, demonstrates a commitment to nurturing peaceful coexistence and regional stability. The 'Act East Policy' has forged stronger ties with Southeast Asian nations, enhancing economic and cultural linkages.

His role in elevating India's global stature was evident in the formation of the BRICS grouping (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) and his consistent engagement with G20 nations. His initiative to establish the 'Coalition for Disaster Resilient Infrastructure' emphasises preparedness in the face of natural calamities. One of the most significant accomplishments of his tenure was the abrogation of Article 370, thereby integrating Jammu and Kashmir fully into the Indian Union. This decision aimed at ensuring equal opportunities and growth for the region, reflecting his commitment to justice and equitable development.

The visionary leader's efforts towards building a secure nation led to the surgical strikes in 2016 and 2019, sending a resolute message against terrorism. The 'Swachh Bharat Abhiyan,' a nationwide cleanliness campaign, symbolized his call for civic responsibility and a cleaner, healthier India. His global outreach extends beyond policy corridors. His charisma and eloquence have captivated audiences worldwide. His addresses at the United Nations, the British Parliament, and the European Parliament have resonated with messages of unity, cooperation, and shared responsibility.

While his leadership embodies progress, he envisions a world at peace. The 'Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam' philosophy, translated as



'the world is one family,' reflects his conviction that global challenges can only be overcome through collective efforts. His call for 'Yoga for Peace' echoes the ancient Indian wisdom that harmonising oneself can contribute to harmonising the world.

In his role as a harbinger of prosperity, his initiatives have propelled India onto the global stage. However, it's his embodiment of an apostle of world peace that defines the legacy he aspires to create. As he leads a nation of diversity and dynamism, he also addresses a world grappling with complex issues. The journey of Narendra Modi is more than political; it's an exploration of human potential and the unification of diverse aspirations toward a better world—a world of prosperity and lasting peace.

India is proudly taking the centre stage on the global platform this year, and it's an occasion for celebration. With the prestigious G20 Heads of State and Government Summit being hosted in Delhi in September, India's role as the G20 presidency shines brightly. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, the visionary leader at the helm, has played an instrumental role in making this event a grand success.

Under his sagacious leadership, India has showcased its remark-

able ability to lead and influence across a wide spectrum of issues. Whether it's championing sustainable development, fostering global cooperation in healthcare, or spearheading climate initiatives, His commitment to these causes has been unwavering. His dedication to shaping a better future for not just India but the entire world has been palpable throughout his tenure as G20 president.

His leadership has brought together world leaders to collaborate on vital global challenges. His efforts have not only bolstered India's international standing but have also ensured that the nation's voice is heard loud and clear on the world stage. As we look forward to the G20 summit, there's a sense of optimism and pride in the air, knowing that Prime Minister Modi's leadership is steering India towards a brighter and more influential future in global affairs.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has earned international recognition with approximately 20 highest civilian awards from various countries, a testament to his exceptional diplomatic and administrative skills. Recently, French President Emmanuel Macron bestowed upon him the Grand Cross of the Legion of Honour, France's highest military and civilian award, making

Modi the first Indian Prime Minister to receive this prestigious honor. This accolade aligns him with revered global leaders such as Nelson Mandela and Angela Merkel.

Among the numerous awards, one notable honor was conferred by the United Arab Emirates during its Year of Tolerance in 2019. Named after UAE's founder Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan, this award celebrated Modi's multifaceted contributions. Similarly, Bahrain awarded him the King Hamad Order of the Renaissance in 2019, symbolizing strengthened India-Bahrain relations.

These prestigious awards from various nations reflect Prime Minister Modi's global influence and recognition for his contributions to peace, diplomacy, and international cooperation.

India, under the leadership of Modi, launched the world's largest COVID-19 vaccination campaign in January last year. A remarkable 200.59 crore vaccine doses have been administered to eligible beneficiaries.

This noteworthy achievement garnered praise from prominent figures, including Bill Gates, who congratulated @narendramodi for reaching this milestone. Gates also expressed gratitude for the collaborative efforts between the Indian government and vaccine manufacturers in the fight against COVID-19 in his tweet. Modi's leadership and commitment to public health have played a pivotal role in India's successful vaccination drive, making it a global example of a massive vaccination effort. India has played a significant role in the global fight against COVID-19 by providing more than 235 million doses of vaccines to a total of 98 countries. This substantial contribution underscores India's commitment to international cooperation and its dedication to helping nations in need during this global health crisis.

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# Is Wastewater An Answer For Adapting To Climate Change?

FREDERICK CLAYTON

Population growth and climate change are stretching America's water supplies to the limit, and tapping new sources is becoming more difficult each year—in some cases, even impossible. New Mexico, California, Arizona, and Colorado are facing the nation's most significant strains on water supplies. But across the entire American Southwest, water stress has become the norm.

"Every part of the Southwest experienced higher average temperatures between 2000 and 2020 than the long-term average (1895–2020)," according to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). "Some areas were more than 2 degrees Fahrenheit warmer than average. ... Large portions of the Southwest have experienced drought conditions since weekly Drought Monitor records began in 2000. For extended periods from 2002 to 2005 and from 2012 to 2020, nearly the entire region was abnormally dry or even drier."

The EPA paints a bleak picture of the region by referring to its sparse water supply and how the rise in temperatures due to climate change is bound to worsen a bad situation. "Water is already scarce in the Southwest, so every drop is a precious resource. People in the Southwest are particularly dependent on surface water supplies like Lake Mead, which are vulnerable to evaporation," the agency says on its website. "Thus, even a small increase in temperature (which drives evaporation) or a decrease in precipitation in this already arid region can seriously threaten natural systems and society. Droughts also contribute to increased pest outbreaks and wildfires, both of which damage local economies, and they reduce the amount of water available for generating electricity—for example, at the Hoover Dam."

Farmers use the vast majority of water withdrawn from the Colorado River to irrigate crops—and 70 percent of that is for crops like alfalfa and hay used to feed cattle. The river also supplies drinking water to 40 million people in the Southwest, and in 2022, Lake Mead—which the Colorado feeds—shrank to its lowest levels since it was filled in the 1930s.

These pressures on a precarious water supply will only intensify with continued climate change and a steadily growing population. Our existing supplies need to be managed better to ensure sustained access to water in the future.

## Direct Potable Reuse (DPR)

There is hope. Technology, specifically potable reuse, safely turns wastewater into drinking water. One form of this technology, direct potable reuse (DPR), introduces treated wastewater directly back into the existing water supply.

This approach can be cheaper, quicker, and more efficient than many other options to sustain and expand water supply. Better yet, it's also completely safe.

Despite this reality, U.S. states were once reluctant to introduce DPR, but this method has been gaining momentum as a legitimate, worthwhile, and potentially imperative solution to water supply problems.

"Everyone is feeling the drought," says Aleks Pisarenko, principal engineer at Trussell Technologies, an environmental engineering firm working in water reuse solutions.

"There are no new sources of water, so when traditional supplies run low, you turn to alternative ones."

## Bad Branding Stalls Progress

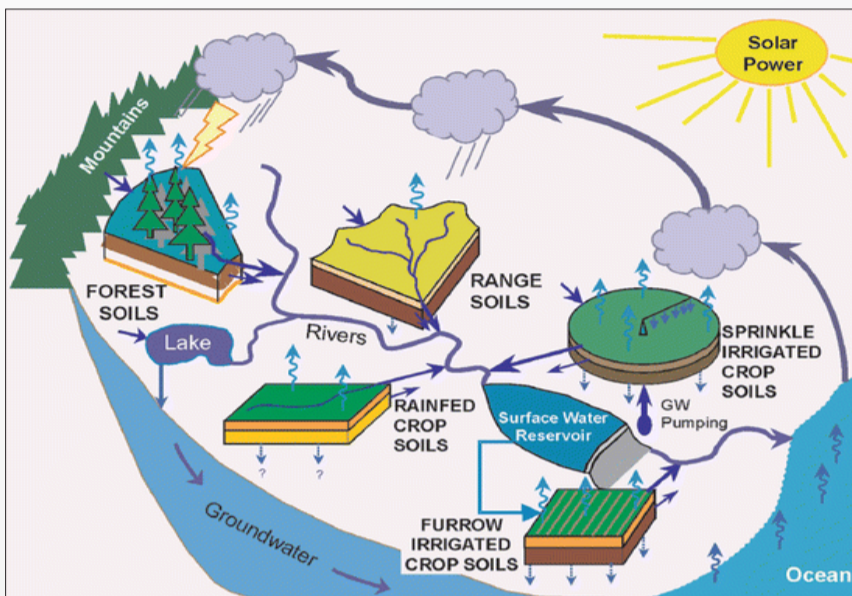
Why have potable reuse projects faced an uphill battle? Just consider how the technology works. Potable reuse involves treating municipal wastewater to augment drinking water supplies and can be done in two ways. Indirect potable reuse (IPR) introduces purified water into an environmental buffer—like a groundwater aquifer, reservoir, or lake—before introducing the blended water back into a water supply system. And DPR skips the need for an environmental buffer altogether.

A National Research Council (NRC) report from 1998 labeled IPR as "an option of last resort" and did not even consider DPR as a possibility, stating that the "use of reclaimed wastewater for human consumption, without the added protection provided by storage in the environment, is not currently a viable option for public water supplies."

Its assessment reflected questions and uncertainties over potable reuse that could only be resolved with more comprehensive data from full-scale operational potable reuse systems. A 1999-2000 Geological Survey report also cast doubt over whether water reclamation could safely remove all contaminants in stream water.

Misperceptions regarding the potable reuse process also spawned unpalatable "toilet to tap" narratives in the media, which helped to dismantle public support for these projects. Attempts by San Diego to introduce water reuse in the 1990s failed and were pulled apart by such aspersions.

What "toilet to tap" missed was that treatment



options—i.e., membrane filtration, membrane desalination, ozone, and advanced oxidation, to name a few—can make the purified water entirely safe to drink.

However, recent advances in these technologies associated with potable water reuse have helped boost confidence in and acceptance of the practice among water professionals. Orange County Water District (OCWD) is a leading example of the successful implementation of the water reuse process. Since 2008, OCWD has provided drinking water to more than 2.5 million people in a region that receives less than 15 inches of annual rainfall with the help of its Groundwater Replenishment System (GWRS) project, which has helped highlight the effectiveness of IPR, giving other providers a model to emulate and providing the full-scale data that was previously missing to evaluate the viability of the process.

The NRC has changed its position on water reuse, too. In 2012, another NRC report concluded that "potable reuse of highly treated reclaimed water without an environmental buffer is worthy of consideration if adequate protection is engineered within the system." It acknowledged: "Historically, the practice of adding reclaimed water directly to the water supply without an environmental buffer—a practice referred to as direct potable reuse—has been rejected by water utilities, by regulatory agencies in the United States, and by previous National Research Council committees. However, research during the past decade on the performance of several full-scale advanced water treatment operations indicates that some engineered systems can perform as well or better than some existing environmental buffers in diluting (if necessary) and attenuating contaminants."

Subsequently, almost half of all the potable reuse projects built between 1962 (when the first project was introduced) and 2021 were installed in the last decade of the period. There are now IPR facilities in Arizona, Texas, and California, while more than a dozen states have developed regulations allowing the process.

DPR remains outside the fray, but while IPR has slowly taken hold, DPR has not.

In an essay he contributed to the 2020 book *A Better Planet: Forty Big Ideas for a Sustainable Future*, G. Tracy Mehan III, the executive director of government affairs at the American Water Works Association, called DPR "the final frontier of water reuse."

Indeed, DPR systems are legal in only three U.S. states: Texas, Arizona—where it is only utilized on a case-by-case basis—and Colorado, which became the first state to sign off on regulations in January 2023.

This is surprising given that DPR often uses the same treatment technologies as IPR and has several advantages over IPR.

DPR gives communities without a buffer the chance to implement potable reuse. It delivers water efficiently and cost-effectively using existing infrastructure, such as drinking water treatment plants, without building expensive and energy-intensive pipelines to a reservoir or groundwater basin.

For this reason, DPR allows more water to be recycled than IPR, as there are no reservoir or groundwater basin limitations. DPR also avoids regulations on putting water back into the environment by eliminating the buffer.

Finally, the environmental buffer used with IPR only serves as a middleman between wastewater and drinking water, which slows the process but provides a comfortable barrier for the consumer. Without this, DPR can also turn wastewater into drinking water in hours.

For this reason, DPR is also a more reliable source of water than IPR—especially in an emergency—but for the same reason, it is also more controversial.

The speed at which water can be recycled using DPR makes it a particularly easy target for the unflattering "toilet to tap" tag that still hovers over potable reuse. While "toilet to tap" does a huge disservice to the reality—the use of advanced technology to purify water for drinking—it shines a light on the major obstacle to the proliferation of direct potable reuse: public acceptance.

And while, at first glance, drinking water that was once wastewater might seem unpalatable, the fact is that the purification process makes it not only safe to drink but also of an even higher quality than most consumers may be used to.

"Purifying water for reuse... relies on a multi-barrier treatment process to make recycled water safe to drink," according to the San Diego County Water Authority. "Purified water produced in California with state-of-the-art technologies is higher quality than most bottled water."

## Desperation: The Mother of Innovation

As of early 2023, Big Spring, Texas, has the only functional DPR facility in the United States. The region identified DPR as the most feasible way to address an urgent need to diversify the city's water portfolio and increase its supply reliability. In 2013, the Colorado River Municipal Water District (CRMWD) in Big Spring began operating the first DPR plant in the U.S., which could treat up to 2 million gallons per day of wastewater effluent to drinking water standards. It provided a much-needed water supply amid punishing droughts.

Wichita Falls in northern Texas followed Big Spring's example. Anticipating a water crisis with city reservoirs at less than 20 percent capacity in 2012 and lacking a groundwater backup supply, the city determined DPR was a viable means of urgently meeting potable water demands. The system went online in July 2014 and provided nearly 5 million gallons of potable water per day to 150,000 people before it was decommissioned in 2015 due to sufficient rainfall.

With populations fiercely aware of water scarcity and the need to increase supply and improve reliability, both cities were forced to act under emergency regulations.

"Unfortunately, recognition of the need for water reuse is sometimes only realized at a point when immediate action is needed," says Jeff Mosher, vice president and principal technologist at Carollo Engineers, a leading firm in water reuse engineering.

So, how do you convince a community to adopt and accept potable reuse when the situation is not dire?

## Making Reuse Mainstream

Thanks to the educational and outreach efforts of community practitioners who understand the ingredients necessary to bring the public on board, DPR may soon be on a similar trajectory to IPR.

The first ingredient? Good old-fashioned common sense. The potential cost savings of DPR, coupled with its reliability in drought, directly serve the customer's self-interest. But this is not enough to alleviate fear. It has to make cognitive sense too.

"You can't tell people it's just about saving money," says Daniel Gerrity, an assistant professor in environmental engineering at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas. "It has to make more sense than that."

San Diego's Water Repurification Project in the 1990s learned this the hard way when it was trying to investigate the feasibility of an IPR project. Fears of "drinking sewage" diminished trust in the project and fostered uncertainty about the safety of the water. The aforementioned 1998 NRC report was released shortly after, and ultimately—after years of significant investment—the San Diego City Council voted to halt the water purification project in 1999.

Fast-forward 12 years to 2011, a rebranded project, Pure Water San Diego, did things differently. "We had to educate the community on the concept [of potable reuse]," says Amy Dorman, a senior engineer on the Pure Water potable reuse project. "We ran focus groups with the community, made ourselves flexible moving forward, and recognized the importance of listening to the community. ... In the 1990s, there was not the right amount of education. Now it's comprehensive. We do tours, presentations, websites, [and] mailers, and [we] identified all stakeholders—[we did] diligent and constant outreach."

Dorman explained that 18,665 San Diegans had visited the demonstration facility as of 2021, while the team at Pure Water had spoken to almost 30,000 children in schools.

They are given a presentation addressing concerns over limited local supplies, population growth, the rising cost of pumping, the risk of natural disasters, and recurring drought as drivers behind the requirement for potable reuse. Then, they're told that more than 50,000 lab tests have been carried out on the water supply, each meeting every regulatory standard and producing exceptional water quality.

But the key statistic is on the first slide—that 85 percent of San Diego's water is already imported. According to Dorman, because the city is downstream, its water has already been recycled 49 times by other water districts before it reaches San Diego. This usually quells fears that drinking recycled water is unsanitary since, as it turns out, residents have been doing it for years.

After the presentation, the public is encouraged to check out a demonstration facility that has been in operation for 12 years. People can see the advanced treatment that wastewater is put through before tasting the water for themselves. Pure Water now also runs virtual tours of the plant.

When the public is told of plans to pipe treated wastewater to a recharge basin, their response is essentially: "Why bother?" In other words, why not just adopt DPR and put the water straight back in? The environmental buffer/recharge basin that Pure Water was proposing served as a technical function for storage and dilution—but was also designed to placate any potential worries about drinking wastewater. It turned out, though, such a buffer wasn't needed as the public embraced DPR.

This change in attitude was demonstrative of a broader acceptance of drinking recycled water in San Diego. In 2005, just 28 percent of 735 people randomly surveyed strongly favored or somewhat favored using advanced treated recycled water to supplement the drinking water supply. That number stood at 79 percent of 1,063 people surveyed in 2019.

As of 2023, the Pure Water Project, the first phase of which "includes 10 different projects that will clean recycled water to produce 30 million gallons per day of high-quality purified water," has permission to add purified water to the Miramar Reservoir (using the reservoir as an environmental buffer) as part of the construction of an IPR facility, with DPR slated for phase two of the project—which could provide an extra 53 million gallons by 2035, ensuring that one-third of San Diego's water supply will come from reused water by that time.

## Education and Outreach Remain Critical

It isn't only San Diego that has demonstrated that the public can accept DPR. While a Brownwood, Texas, DPR project was never fully realized, the public accepted DPR proposals thanks to extensive and integrated water education in the community. For two decades, the city's wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) offered tours to residents of Brownwood and neighboring cities, while in 2019, Brownwood's fourth-grade curriculum included learning modules about urban water reuse and a tour of the WWTP.

City officials also reached out to local media before introducing the DPR project to the public. They explained the water purification process and the need to incorporate DPR into the city's water portfolio and requested the media's help in educating the public. The final step needed to start construction of the facilities was the city council's approval of a \$12 million bond sale in 2012, but the sale was never approved—because the city received rain. (Even with public approval for potable reuse, rain can cause apathy for water supply contingency plans among those spending the money.)

El Paso Water (EP Water) received a \$20 million grant from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation for its water reuse facility in Texas. With construction to begin in late 2023, the "Advanced Water Purification" system will be capable of producing more than 45,000

cubic meters of fresh drinking water daily by turning treated wastewater into potable water available for reuse.

Again, public education and outreach played a key role in ensuring support for this project. El Paso Water Utilities (EPWU) offered tours of a pilot facility and a water reuse education program and educated the media about the need for the facility. This, coupled with a great awareness of water scarcity among residents and approval from the local government, meant the project could go ahead. In 2023, Tanya Trujillo, assistant secretary for water and science for the U.S. Department of the Interior, praised the innovative project as a critical driver toward more sustainable resource management, saying, "It is one of a kind."

## The U.S. Depends on Water Reuse— and a Change in Public Perception

The impacts of climate change have been witnessed across the United States—particularly in the Southern and Southwestern states. And as water scarcity becomes more apparent in the face of droughts and forest fires, and as public awareness of climate change issues grows, attitudes toward potable reuse have softened.

"People need that change in mindset, forgetting where your water came from and focusing more on how clean it is when it's in front of you," Dan McCurry, a civil and environmental engineering professor at the University of Southern California, told CNBC in 2022.

But while communities who have employed DPR have seen the realities of water scarcity firsthand, individual perceptions in other areas are shaped by outreach, trust in messengers, and the reputation of water agencies and providers.

"We're ready to make the next step to DPR based on the experience we have," adds engineer Mosher. "What we know now is that it's possible to convince them. We have proven that [in] every community you go into that has concerns, you can overcome 'the hangups.'"

## Southwest U.S. Leads the Way in Water Reuse

Every time one community's apprehensions are effectively addressed and they pursue potable reuse, it gets easier for the next one. A 2011 San Diego study showed that citizens are 50 percent more likely to accept recycled water when they learn that other communities have already done so. And the Southwest U.S. is leading the way.

Colorado became the first state to rubber-stamp their DPR regulations in 2023; others will follow. In addition to Pure Water's plans in San Diego, Los Angeles is also considering a DPR/IPR hybrid facility that will deliver 230 million gallons a day.

To lessen its dependence on the Colorado River, the city of Phoenix, Arizona, announced plans in April 2023 for a multibillion-dollar facility that will use DPR to purify 60 million gallons of water per day—enough for about 200,000 households a year. El Paso, too, is in the design phase of a DPR facility that will turn up to 10 million gallons of wastewater a day into drinking water, which would make it the world's biggest DPR facility providing treated wastewater to consumers.

But DPR isn't a cure-all; it's just another vital tool among many water reuse solutions that the U.S. will have to embrace as drought continues to grip the nation.

"We can't have whatever we want," says John Trotter, a photographer who has documented the Colorado River's decline since 2002. "We must learn to adapt if we are going to continue to exist in these places." (C-Counter Currents)

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# Fully Aware Of The Security Concerns Of India, Says Sri Lankan Envoy

SIANS

**COLOMBO:** Sri Lanka's High Commissioner to India Milinda Moragoda has reiterated that the island country is fully aware of the security concerns of India and assured that it pays a great deal of attention towards the evolving scenarios in the Indian Ocean and Indo-Pacific.

Moragoda said this on August 30 while describing about the regional dynamics and developments in the Indian Ocean at a lecture on topic 'India-Sri

Lanka Relations: Promoting Connectivity, Catalysing Prosperity' at the Ananta Centre, New Delhi, Sri Lanka Foreign Ministry in Colombo said in a statement.

During his address, High Commissioner Moragoda elaborated on the broad contours that define the unique characteristics of the past and present dynamics of India-Sri Lanka relationship, and the way forward.

The Foreign Ministry said that the High Commissioner explained as to how the rela-



tionship between the two nations has grown from a transactional perspective to a special relationship in recent years.

He said the current economic stabilisation efforts underway in Sri Lanka, and emphasised that the two nations would heavily focus on connectivity and investment founded on a promising economic integration road-map that was agreed upon during the recent visit of the Sri Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe.

Moragoda also underscored the importance of driving the

five key facets mapped in the 'India-Sri Lanka Economic Partnership Vision' document, and highlighted that they would remain as the key enablers in elevating the existing relationship into a new level.

In July, during the first visit to India after assuming office as President, Wickremesinghe who had talks with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi signed 'India-Sri Lanka Economic Partnership Vision' which included a series of agreements on energy, trade and connectivity projects.

## 6 Killed In Chile Train-Minibus Collision



SIANS

**SANTIAGO:** At least six people were killed after a train crashed into a minibus in San Pedro de la Paz of central Chile, local authorities said.

Juan Francisco Carrasco of the military police told reporters that the crash occurred at a railroad crossing, killing six of the 14 people on board the minibus on Friday, Xinhua news

agency reported.

The state-owned company EFE Sur, which operates the trains, reported that the train acted correctly, saying in a statement that the crossing barriers were operating normally at the time of the train crossing.

EFE Sur extended its condolences to the families of the dead and said that no passengers on board the train were seriously injured.

## Fast-Spreading Wildfire Forces Evacuation In Texas



SIANS

**AUSTIN:** A fast-spreading wildfire near Huntsville, in US state of Texas, triggered evacuation and a highway closure, according to the emergency authorities.

Texas A&M Forest Service posted on social media that it was responding to a request for assistance in Walker County on the "Game Preserve Fire," an estimated 100 acres (0.4 square km), at 4:21 p.m. local time. Around 9:30 p.m., the service updated that the fire had grown to an estimated 1,200 acres (4.85 square km) and was about 10 per

cent contained, Xinhua news agency reported.

The Walker County Office of Emergency Management asked everyone within 4.83 km of Lost Indian Camp Road to evacuate and announced the 10.5 km stretch of highway FM247 was closed both lanes from Pinedale Road to FM2989.

Over 12 active wildfires were monitored by the Texas Forest Service on Friday night, according to its website. Local media warned the risk of wildfires was expected to remain high through the US Labor Day weekend.

The forest service said, "Persis-

tent triple-digit temperatures and minimal rainfall over the past two months have resulted in extremely dry vegetation across the state, which increases the likelihood of dangerous wildfires."

Huntsville, the county seat of Walker County, is located around 70 miles (113 km) north of Houston, the largest city in the US state of Texas.

Since June 28, the Texas A&M Forest Service and local fire departments have responded to over 2,125 wildfires burning more than 89,700 acres (363 square km), according to the state governor's office.

## Taiwan Cancels Over 45 Flights As Typhoon Haikui Approaches



UNI

**BEIJING:** Taiwan has canceled over 45 domestic and international flights due to the approaching powerful typhoon Haikui, United Daily News reported on Saturday, citing the Civil Aeronautics Administration (CAA).

As of 10:00 a.m. local time (02:00 GMT), 18 domestic flights, 28 international flights and flights across the Taiwan Strait were canceled, as well as 4

flights delayed, according to the CAA data.

The authorities also stopped ferry traffic in a number of regions, the newspaper noted.

The Central News Agency reported earlier in the day that Typhoon Haikui was 570 kilometers (354 miles) east of Cape Eluanbi, the southernmost point on the island of Taiwan, and was moving west at a speed of 16 kilometers per hour (9.94 miles per hour).

## 16 Soldiers Killed In Syria In Clashes With Armed Terrorist Groups



UNI

**DAMASCUS:** As many as 16 Syrian soldiers have been killed in clashes with militants of armed terrorist groups north of Latakia, Syrian newspaper Al-Watan reported on Saturday.

Another five soldiers received injuries and have been hospitalized to receive the necessary treatment, the newspaper added.

The armed conflict in Syria has been ongoing since 2011, with various

insurgent groups, including terrorist organizations, fighting the Syrian armed forces to oust the government of President Bashar Assad. Over 12 years, the Syrian crisis has placed an estimated 15.3 million people in dire need of humanitarian assistance, including 5.5 million refugees forced to flee Syria to neighboring states and 6.8 million internally displaced people, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees Filippo Grandi said.

## Children In Africa At High Risk Of Impacts Of Climate Change: Unicef

SIANS

**NAIROBI:** Children in Africa are among the most at risk of the impacts of climate change, with only 2.4 percent of the global climate funding targeting the youngest, the United Nations Children's Fund (Unicef) has said in a new report launched in the Kenyan capital of Nairobi.

The report, released on Friday ahead of the Africa Climate Summit to be held in Nairobi on September 4-6, said children are woefully neglected by the key climate financing flows required to help them adapt, survive, and respond to the climate crisis, Xinhua news agency reported.

Lieke van de Wiel, Unicef deputy director for eastern and southern Africa, said that it is clear that the youngest members of African society are bearing the brunt of the harsh effects of climate change.

"They are the least able to cope, due to physiological vulnerability and poor access to essential social services. We need to see a stronger focus of funding toward this group, so they are equipped to face a lifetime of climate-induced disruptions," van de Wiel said.

The report titled "Time to Act: African Children in the Climate Change Spotlight" said that children in 48 out of 49 African countries assessed are categorised as at high or extremely high risk of the impacts of climate change.

The analysis assesses countries based on children's exposure to climate and environmental shocks, such as cyclones and heatwaves, as well as their vulnerability to those shocks, based on their access to essential services.

The report said children living in the Central African Republic, Chad, Nigeria, Guinea, Somalia,



and Guinea-Bissau are the most at risk. The report examined how multilateral climate funds (MCF) are targeting their resources.

Just 2.4 percent of this key global climate funding can be classified as supporting child-responsive activities, with an average value of just \$71 million per year. "If the target group is increased to include youth, the figure rises to just 6.6 percent of total MCF spending," the report said.

Unicef, the International Labour Organization (ILO), and the UN Environment Program (UNEP) are working together with young people, governments, employers' and workers' organisations, and the private sector to design and implement the Green Jobs for Youth Pact. The pact aims to develop one million new green jobs, transform 1 million existing jobs, and help 10,000 young green

entrepreneurs start their businesses by 2030.

"We are working to support countries to adapt and build resilience in a rapidly changing climate through nature-based solutions, as well as investing in young people with the green skills and mindsets to support this urgent transition. But to see results, we must see a radical increase in investment in a sustainable future for young Africans," said Rose Mwebaza, regional director for Africa for UNEP.

Despite substantial progress made by virtually all countries in the provision of essential services, persistent challenges contribute to an increased vulnerability for children, including limited access to good quality health and nutrition services, a lack of safe water, sanitation and hygiene, limited access to quality education and high levels of poverty.

## 9 Soldiers Killed In Rebel Attack In NW Syria: Monitor



UNI

**DAMASCUS:** Nine soldiers of government forces were killed on Friday in an attack carried out by an extremist group in Syria's northwestern province of Latakia, a war monitor reported.

The attack against military positions in the al-Kurd Mountains in the countryside of Latakia was carried out by a group affiliated with the Hayat Tahrir al-Sham (HTS), an ultra-radical group previously with ties to al-Qaida, according to the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights.

The UK-based watchdog group said three of the assailants were killed during the confrontation that ensued.

The latest incident is part of the current escalation between the Syrian army and the HTS in northwestern Syria.

The Observatory warned on Friday that any further escalation in the region could threaten the civilian population and cause possible waves of displacement.

On Aug. 26, eleven Syrian military personnel were killed, and 20 others were injured in an attack by the HTS in the country's northwestern province of Idlib.

On Aug. 25, seven HTS members were killed by the army forces in the western countryside of Aleppo in northern Syria.

Also late in August, Syrian forces intercepted and shot down three weaponized drones dispatched by the HTS in the northwestern provinces of Idlib and Hama, the state news agency SANA reported.

HTS, previously known as the al-Qaida-linked Nusra Front, has established control over a large swathe of Idlib.



# Ganderbal: 3,500 students from 33 colleges, universities participate in sports festival

RAJA SYED RATHER

**GANDERBAL:** The second edition of the university and college-level sports festival concluded here at the Government College of Physical Education (GCOPE). The five-day event started on August 29 in which four universities and 33 colleges of the valley took part with the participation of 3,500 students.

The festival marked a remarkable fusion of 10 events comprising Football (Men), Volleyball (Men & Women), Basketball (Men), Handball (Men), Kho-Kho (Women), Table-Tennis (Women), Tug-of-War (Men & Women) and a cultural programme Rouff, the organisers said.

They said GCOPE bagged 7 trophies in Handball (Men), Basketball (Men), Volleyball (Women), Table-Tennis (Women), Kho-Kho (Women), Tug-of-war (Men) and Cultural Programme Rouff. In Football (men), GDC Pattan emerged victorious. In Tug-of-war (Women), GDC Ganderbal was declared conquerors.

In Football (Men), GDC Pattan bagged the 1st position, while Government Degree College Ganderbal and Government Degree College Baramulla got 2nd and 3rd positions. In Volleyball (Men), GDC Bijbhara got 3rd position. In Handball (Men), GCOPE Ganderbal got 1st, while Government Degree College Baramulla and Government Degree College Pulwama got 2nd and 3rd positions.

In Basketball (Men), Government College of Physical Education Gadoora Ganderbal got 1st, while Government Degree College Baramulla and Government Degree College Ganderbal got 2nd and 3rd positions. In Tug-of-War (Men), GCOPE Ganderbal got 1st, GDC Ganderbal secured 2nd and Government Degree College Tral bagged 3rd position.

In Volleyball (Women), Government College of Physical Education Gadoora Ganderbal got 1st, Women's College M A Road Srinagar got 2nd and AS College Srinagar bagged 3rd position. In Table-Tennis (Women), GCOPE got 1st, while Government College of Engineering & Technology and GDC Pulwama got 2nd and 3rd positions.

In Kho-Kho (Women), GCOPE Ganderbal bagged 1st, Women's College M A Road Srinagar got 2nd and Government Degree College Sumbal bagged 3rd positions.

In Tug-of-War (Women), GDC Ganderbal acquired 1st, while GCOPE Ganderbal and GDC Women's Zakura got 2nd and 3rd positions.

Earlier, in the cultural programme Rouff, GCOPE Ganderbal bagged 1st position, Government Degree College Hajin got 2nd while the 3rd position was shared by Government Degree College Pattan and Government Women's College MA Road Srinagar. Closing-cum-price distribution ceremony was held at the college campus.

Nuzhat Ishfaq, Chairperson DDC Ganderbal, was the chief guest on the occasion. Additional District Development Commissioner, Chief Education Officer, Chief Planning Officer, District Treasury Officer and ARTO of District Ganderbal were the guests of honour.

Moreover, the Joint Director Youth Services &

Sports Kashmir, Principal Degree College Ganderbal, Principal Women's College M A Road and Principal GDC Women's Sopore were among the dignitaries presented with the Guest of Honour award. Media Coordinator of the Department of YSS Azhar Hajini along with TV journalist Iqra Akhoun conducted proceedings of the glittering valedictory ceremony of the festival.

The event witnessed other dignitaries of the Department of YSS&S and various other departments of District Ganderbal.

Chairperson, DDC Ganderbal distributed the prizes among the winners. The 10 Winners, 10 Runners-up and 10 Hardliner teams were awarded cash prizes (1st - Rs 10,000, 2nd - Rs 7,000, 3rd - Rs 3,000; in Table-Tennis 1st - Rs 5000, 2nd - Rs 3,000, 3rd - Rs 2,000) and trophies accordingly.

The Sports Festival 2023 (Edition 2nd) was systematised to provide a platform to the youth of J&K to nurture their talent and steer their energy in a productive and expectant path, the organisers said—(KNO)

# Inter-Zonal Volleyball, Kho Kho competition concludes in B'la



GMK SPORTS DESK

**BARAMULLA:** The thrilling two-day competition of Inter-Zonal Volleyball and Kho Kho for under 14 and 17 Girls came to a spectacular conclusion Saturday at Baramulla.

The event, organized by the District Youth Services & Sports Office Baramulla, witnessed the active participation of 18 educational zones, with a total of 72 teams competing.

The competition was officially inaugurated by the DYSSO Baramulla Jatinder Singh on September 01, setting the stage for an action-packed sporting event.

In the Volleyball Under 14 category, the final match saw an intense battle between Zone Sopore and Zone Wagoora, with Zone Sopore emerging as the victorious team. Meanwhile, in the Kho Kho Under 14 category, Zone Dangerpora faced-off against Zone

Wagoora, and Zone Wagoora secured the championship title.

The excitement continued in the Kho Kho Under 17 category, with the final match between Zone Sopore and Zone Dangi-wacha, ultimately won by Zone Sopore. In the Volleyball Under 17 category, Zone Dangerpora clashed with Zone Sopore, and Zone Dangerpora emerged triumphant.

The winners and runners-up teams were honored with trophies and certificates presented by the Zonal Physical Education Officers (ZPEOs) of the Department, marking the successful conclusion of this highly competitive event.

The DYSSO Baramulla extended his appreciation to all the participants, teams, and officials for making this competition a memorable and successful sporting extravaganza.

# Survey shows Indians are no more interested in Test cricket



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**NEW DELHI:** Not only India and its western neighbour, but the sports enthusiasts across the whole world are excited about the India-Pakistan face off in the Asia Cup tournament on Saturday (September 2).

In a survey conducted by CVoter for sports enthusiasts across India, around 49.4% of the respondents in the age group of 45-54 years are of the opinion that Shubman Gill is the most suitable player to open along with Rohit Sharma.

Gill was followed by Virat Kohli with 20.1% respondents believing that he should be the opening batter along with Rohit. Shreyas Iyer and Tilak Verma remained the least favoured.

Around 32.6% respondents are of the opinion that Virat Kohli is the most suitable player to bat at the 4th position. Kohli was followed by Suryakumar Yadav and Ishan Kishan. Around 28.8% of the sports enthusiasts feel that Yadav should play at number 4.

Upon asking about their

favourite cricket format, the T-20 cricket format remains the most popular among Indian sports enthusiasts as around 45.1% identify T-20 as their favourite format while the Five-Day Test match format least popular.

In a survey conducted by CVoter targeted at sports enthusiasts across India, around 54.2% respondents in the age group of 18-24 years are of the opinion that Indian Premier League or the IPL is the major reason behind Indian cricketers' injuries. They also agreed that this affect the performance of these players in the International cricket tournaments.

When asked about India's Javelin superstar Neeraj Chopra, most of the respondents (69.6%) residing in urban areas are highly familiar with him.

The survey shows that in spite of being sports enthusiasts, majority of the respondents are unaware about Parul Chaudhary, who was recently in news for her remarkable performance in the World Athletics Championship in Budapest, Hungary and also for her new national record.

# Happy homecoming for the Javelin star of Odisha Kishore Jena



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**BHUBANESWAR:** Kishore Jena, the prodigious javelin thrower from Odisha, returned to his homeland to a heartwarming reception on Saturday.

The Sports Director, Siddhartha Das, Jt Secretary Ranjit Parida, Head Coach, Odisha Reliance Foundation Athletics HPC, Martin Owens and officials of the Sports & Youth Services Department gathered at the Biju Patnaik International Airport, to extend their enthusiastic welcome to this remarkable athlete, who has made his state and country immensely proud.

Kishore Jena, with his incredible talent and relentless dedication, has carved his name into the annals of history as the first athlete from Odisha to represent India in the finals of the prestigious World Athletics Championship, that recently concluded at Budapest. He emerged to be in the top five in the finals there

thus making an impression amongst the athletics fraternity of India.

His journey from the Sports Hostel in Bhubaneswar to the world stage has been nothing short of inspiring, and his achievements resonate with the dreams and aspirations of countless young athletes across the nation. "The State Government has pledged unwavering support to Kishore's continued journey towards excellence in the world of athletics."

Kishore Jena's remarkable achievements are a testament to the immense talent that exists in Odisha. His success story serves as a beacon of hope and inspiration for aspiring athletes, proving that with relentless dedication and hard work, they too can reach the pinnacles of success on the global stage, shared Sports Director, Das.

Chief Minister Naveen Patnaik will be felicitating Kishore with a cash award later on Saturday.

# US leads four teams into FIBA World Cup quarterfinals

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**MANILA:** The United States, Lithuania, Germany and Slovenia secured their berths in the quarterfinals of the 2023 FIBA World Cup after posting their fourth straight wins in the tournament.

The US held off Montenegro 85-73 in Manila to improve to 4-0 and secure a top-two finish in Group J, reports Xinhua.

Bojan Dubljevic had a layup with three minutes and three seconds remaining to pull Montenegro within 72-68, but the US answered with a 7-1 run to make it 79-69 with 1:29 left. Anthony Edwards had 17

points and three rebounds to lead five Americans in double digits, while Nikola Vucevic finished with a game-high 18 points and 16 rebounds for Montenegro, who out rebounded the United States 49-31.

"They got 22 offensive rebounds, they executed, tried to pound us inside, but I'm proud of our guys," said US head coach Steve Kerr.

"It was not our night offensively, we'll look at the tape, we didn't move the ball well at all, that's why we got into the trouble. These games are going to happen, you have to be able to fight through them."

Also in Group J, Lithuania outscored Greece 28-9

in the fourth quarter to record a 92-67 win and join the United States in the top eight with an unbeaten 4-0 record. The United States and Lithuania will clash on Sunday to vie for top spot in the group.

Germany nailed 20 three-pointers in 35 attempts on its way to a 100-73 win over Georgia in Okinawa, Japan to improve to 4-0 in Group K. Maodo Lo shot 6-for-6 from beyond the arc to lead Germany with 18 points, with Dennis Schroder adding 16 points and seven assists.

Georgia stayed within 43-41 at half-time, but Germany pulled away with a 27-16 run in the third quar-

ter and never looked back. "They played much better in the second half, as everybody saw," rued Georgia head coach Ilias Zouros.

"I don't know what happened. We started with low intensity, we gave very easy shots, some three-point shots that gave them confidence. We didn't function well in the second half."

Later on Friday, Luka Doncic had 20 points, seven rebounds and six assists and Mike Tobey added 18 points, 12 rebounds and five assists to lift Slovenia over Australia 91-80. Germany and Slovenia will play against each other on Sunday for top spot in Group K.

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**ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR SELECTION**

- 80 points for basic qualification.
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- 05 points for GATE/NET/SET.
- 05 points for teaching experience (Polytechnic Diploma Level or high level) prorata basis (01) point for each academic year.
- 05 Points for interaction.

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