Good Morning Kashmir





Heartiest congratulations to @isro on the successful launch of Aditya-L1. The maiden mission to the Sun will herald a new beginning in our understanding of the solar system. I wish team @isro continued success in future missions.

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Youth Stabbed To **Death In Srinagar** REHAN QAYOOM 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. Follow Kashmir Life on

Whatsapp - Join Now 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 Par-

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

providing for a federal structure, would ipso facto apply,"

the framing of its constitution, unlike the Constituent Assembly of India. He said that the Jammu and Kash-

THE CESSATION OF OPERATION OF ARTICLE 370 HAS ALWAYS BEEN CONSIDERED AS DEPENDENT

distribution of legislative power, exercise of executive authority, separation of powers among different organs of the state and provisions

on a Presidential Order. Once Article 370 is abrogated, then the entirety of the constitutional provisions, including those providing for

mir Constituent Assembly was bound by various factors, including the Indian 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'

of justice, liberty, fraternity, and Article 1, which defined the territory of India

He argued that Article 370 was always intended to be a temporary provision and that the speeches of Dr. BR Ambedkar, N.G. Ayyangar, Jawaharlal • P-02

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 Kunzar. She assured

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Hassan that she had the •P-02

NEET-SS Exams Now On Sept 29, 30

JAHANGEER GANAIE SRINAGAR:

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

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 after-

noon 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

the benefits of science, technology and education to • P-02

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

WARIS FAYAZ

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 alltime low and the number of terrorists is very less. We are working to eradicate remanants 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

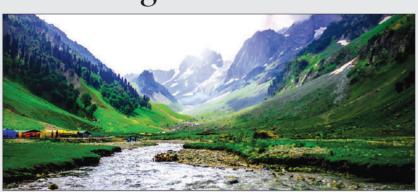


menace and will ensure to eradicate drug abuse and narco-smuggling from J&K.

"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

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

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 domi-



J&K Tourism Set To Host 120 International Golfers

JAMMU: Jammu Tawi Golf Course is all set to host the prestigious Professional Golf Tournament in India (PGTI), under the overall patronage of J&K Tourism Department.

About 126 professional international golfers from different parts of India and abroad are visiting the Jammu City for this esteemed five-day Golf tournament, teeing off from 4th October this year and concluding on 8th of October.

Briefing the media on the

ment of 2nd leg of this distinguishable event, the Director Tourism Vivekanand Rai said that the tournament will not only exploit the potential of local and budding golfers but will also provide opportunity to them in learning the skills vis-àvis bringing a boom in the tourism sector. He further elaborated that it is a matter of great pride to host such a prestigious event at the Jammu Tawi Golf Course and it shall be a grand tournament of the prevailing international standards

Jammu further stated that the government is giving special impetus to golf tourism and this tournament shall surely be resourceful in meeting our aspirations and helping us to attract more tourists in Jammu region for which the administration is taking adequate steps and initiatives in this regard. He was joined by Special Secretary Tourism Department S. Amarjeet Singh, Joint Director Jammu Tourism Mrs. Sunaina Sharma Mehta, Secretary JTGC Manav Gupta and PGTI

Briefing the media at Jammu Tawi Golf Course, Special Secretary Tourism Department S. Amarjeet Singhsaid that it is an honour for the Tourism Department to host the second edition of the PGTI at Jammu from October 4 that will conclude on October 8 with a Pro Am event. He further added that 126 golfers of national and international repute will participate in the prestigious event and expressed his commitment towards promoting Golf Tourism in J&K which boasts of

courses. Such international events help to tap the potential of tourism of J&K and the international participants are not only our guests but also our brand ambassadors across the country and the world, thereby spreading the message of our Hospitality and professionalism.

Joint Director Tourism, Jammu, Sunaina Mehta revealed that the Jammu Tourism has also planned a 'Dogri Food Festival' for the golfers and the participants so that

relish the local cuisines and get to know about the culture and traditions of this place. She added that the Golfers shall be given a tour of Jammu City and our rich cultural heritage shall be introduced to them with presentation of local products so that they become our tourism brand ambassadors all over the world. She also elaborated the media personnel that the Golfers shall be taken to our heritage sites, Suchetgarh Retreat Ceremony showcasing Border Tourism potential of the area,

along with Jammu Ropeway Station across Bahu-Mohmaya Peer Kho, different pilgrimage sites like Raghunath Ji Temple, Jhiri Temple, Tirupati Temple, and also shall be taken for Paragliding rides at Aithem and fun rides at Surinsar along with Wildlife exposure trip to Jambu Zoo, Surinsar-Mansar. She also said that cultural exhibitions displaying local art, craft, paintings, handloom products shall also be an added feature during this five days International Golfing Bonanza at Jammu City.

FROM THE FRONT PAGE

Article 370 Hearing

Nehru, and Gulzarilal Nanda indicated that the ultimate goal was the complete integration of Jammu and Kashmir with other Indian states

Dwivedi further contended that Article 370 was mentioned in the Indian Constitution as a temporary and transitional provision. He said that while the Jammu and Kashmir Constituent Assembly was dissolved after framing its constitution, Article 370 was not declared permanent, and the power to repeal it remained with the President of India, advised by the Council of Ministers accountable to Parliament.

Senior advocate V. Giri, representing the intervenor 'All India Kashmiri Samaj,' also said that Article 370 was intended to be temporary and its cessation was dependent on a Presidential Order.

'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," he said.

The hearing is set to continue on Septem-

Youth Stabbed To

incident, a pall of gloom descended the entire area and the people started visiting the victim's house in Dalgate.

Meanwhile, police in a tweet said that the weapon of offense has been recovered on the instance of the accused.

"One juvenile (name withheld) apprehended for stabbing & murdering a 15 year old boy in chinar bagh area. Weapon of offence also recovered on instance of the accused, this knife was thrown by accused in marshy area after the crime. FIR no 36/2023 registered in Kothibagh PS," Srinagar Police tweeted-

Army Porter Injured

has been shifted to SDH Mandi for medical treatment, they said.

Meanwhile further investigation has been taken up.(KS)

Woman Impersonating

authority to secure a Constable position for him within the Jammu & Kashmir Police. Tempted by the promise of a job opportunity, Hassan handed over 10,000 to the impersonator.

"The impersonating officer (Ashia) further recontacted Mr. Hasan on 01/09/23, soliciting additional amount to expedite the delivery of his appointment order. She promised that this process would be completed within 2 to 3 days. Suspecting deception, Mr. Hasan promptly reported the matter to Police Station Kunzer. Accordingly, a case was registered in a police station and investigation was set into motion," reads the statement.

"During the course of investigation, Police successfully apprehended the accused person known as Ashia (Fake name), whose real identity has been revealed as Bisma Yousuf Sheikh daughter of Mohd Yousuf Sheikh resident of Tappie Khag. In addition to her apprehension, the investigating team also recovered a police uniform and 10,000/- rupees from her possession that had been fraudulently obtained from Mr. Hasan", the statement reads.

"Community members are requested not to fall prey in the hands of such fraudulent people and share such information with Police. Our consistent action against antisocial elements shall assure community members that Police have resolved to act tough against such inimical elements," the statement reads further.

NEET-SS Exams

18th G20 Summit to be held in New Delhi. In a fresh notice, the NBEMS has notified the revised schedule for the exam and the new dates of the examination are now September 29 and 30.

Meanwhile, the postponement has angered scores of postgraduate doctors who will need to reschedule travel plans to reach NEET-SS exam centres. They say the board should have factored in the G20 summit dates when it announced the exam dates on July 27.

The candidates from Kashmir said that the postponement of exams has added to their miseries as they now will have to cancel their tickets which they had booked to appear in the examination.

They said if the examination centre had been in Srinagar, then they wouldn't have faced such issues, but in the absence of the centre here, they are suffering.

After repeated requests to the NBE regarding the examination centre in Srinagar, the National Board of Examinations in Medical Sciences said that the required standards of security aren't being

met at Srinagar to hold the NEET-SS examination. The aspirants questioned that if the required standards of security are being met for conducting NEET-PG and UPSC examinations, why not for NEET-SS?

Dr Rubeena Bhat, incharge of the Resident Doctors Association of SKIMS Srinagar, told KNO that the National Board of Examination (NBE) authorities are not keeping the centre in Srinagar due to security reasons.

"If the standards for the UPSC centre at Srinagar are acceptable then why not for NEET-SS," she asked.

The candidates reiterated that there is a need for an examination centre in Kashmir as well, where there are hundreds of candidates.

"In case no examination centre was being established in Kashmir, we will have to bear the financial strain of flight tickets, and hotel accommodations besides uncertainty due to the frequent closures on the highway," they said.

They have requested the concerned authorities to look into the matter at the earliest and set up an examination centre in Srinagar as well so that they won't face further inconvenience—(KNO)

India Successfully

At about 11.50 a.m., the 44.4 metre tall, with a lift off weight of 321 ton the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle-C57 (PSLV-C57) rose into the sky breaking free from the second launch pad here at Satish Dhawan Space Centre.

Slowly rising up towards the skies with a thick orange flame at its tail, the rocket gained speed with a sound resembling rolling thunder and went up and up leaving a thick plume while the people assembled at the viewers' gallery cheered and clapped their hands with pride.

Interestingly, this was one of the longest missions for the rocket as well as for Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO)

About 63 minutes after the lift off, the rocket ejected Aditya-L1 and the whole mission came to an end at about 73 minutes after the passivation of the fourth stage.

We have to meet the argument of perigee of the satellite. For that we are following two burn strategies for the fourth stage. After first burn there is a long coasting to achieve the argument of perigee that occurs naturally," Dr S. Unnikrishnan, Director, Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) told IANS about the long flight duration.

The flight plan, included switching off the rocket's fourth stage twice, and allowing it to coast for about 30 minutes - 26 minutes after the first cut off and about 3 minutes after the second cut off.

Put into the low earth orbit (LEO), Aditya-L1's orbit will initially be elliptical. As the spacecraft travels towards Lagrange Point $(\tilde{L}1)$, it will exit the earth's gravitational Sphere of Influence (SOI).

After exit from SOI, the cruise phase will start and subsequently the spacecraft will be injected into a large halo orbit around the L1 -- the point where the gravitational pull of two large bodies - Sun and Earth- will be equal and hence the spacecraft will not gravitate towards any one of the planet.

The total travel time from launch to L1 would take about four months for Aditya-L1 and the distance will be about 1.5 million km from the Earth.

The distance between the Earth and the Moon is about 3,84,000 km.

'A satellite placed in the halo orbit around the L1 point has the major advantage of continuously viewing the Sun without any occultation/ eclipses. This will provide a greater advantage of observing the solar activities and its effect on space weather in real time," the ISRO said.

In its normal configuration PSLV is a four stage/ engine expendable rocket powered by solid and liquid fuels alternatively with six booster motors strapped on to the first stage to give higher thrust during the initial flight moments.

The rocket that flew on Saturday was the XL variant – with longer strap-on motors.

Interestingly, the XL variant rocket was used for the first time for India's first interplanetary mission - the Chandrayaan-1 or Moon Mission -1. Later the rocket was used for Chandrayaan-2 and Mars Mission/Mars Orbiter Mission.

And Saturday's PSLV-XL variant is flying for the 25th time for another interplanetary mission. The Saturday rocketing comes soon after

India landing on the Moon on August 23 with its lander safely landing on the lunar soil in a text book style. Later the rover rolled down and started doing experiments.

Be that as it may, the Indian space agency said, the Aditya-L1 spacecraft carries seven payloads to observe the photosphere, chromosphere, and the outermost layers of the Sun (the corona) using electromagnetic and particle and magnetic field detectors.

'Using the special vantage point L1, four

payloads directly view the Sun and the remaining three payloads carry out in-situ studies of particles and fields at the Lagrange point L1, thus providing important scientific studies of the propagatory effect of solar dynamics in the interplanetary medium, ISRO said.

Aditya-L1's seven payloads are expected to provide the most crucial information to understand the problem of coronal heating, coronal mass ejection, pre-flare and flare activities and their characteristics, dynamics of space weather, propagation of particle and fields and others, the Indian space agency said.

The ISRO said the major science objectives of Aditya-L1 mission are: Study of solar upper atmospheric (chromosphere and corona) dynamics, study of chromospheric and coronal heating, physics of the partially ionised plasma, and initiation of the coronal mass ejections, and flares.

It will also observe the in-situ particle and plasma environment providing data for the study of particle dynamics from the Sun.

Other objectives are physics of solar corona and its heating mechanism, the diagnostics of the coronal and coronal loops plasma: Temperature, velocity and density, development, dynamics and origin of Coronal Mass Ejections (CME), to identify the sequence of processes that occur at multiple layers (chromosphere, base and extended corona) which eventually leads to solar eruptive events, magnetic field topology and magnetic field measurements in the solar corona, and the drivers for space weather (origin, composition and dynamics of solar wind).

According to ISRO, the Sun estimated to be 4.5 billion years old is a hot glowing ball of hydrogen and helium gases and is the source of energy for the solar system.

"The gravity of the Sun holds all the objects of the solar system together. At the central region of the sun, known as 'core', the temperature can reach as high as 15 million degree Celsius," it said.

At this temperature, a process called nuclear fusion takes place in the core which powers the Sun. The visible surface of the sun known as photosphere is relatively cool and has a temperature of about 5,500 degree Celsius, the ISRO said.

The Sun is the nearest star and therefore can be studied in much more detail as compared to other stars. By studying the Sun, we can learn much more about stars in our Milky Way as well as about stars in various other galaxies, the ISRO said.

The Sun is a very dynamic star that extends much beyond what we see. It shows several eruptive phenomena and releases immense amounts of energy in the solar system. If such explosive solar phenomena is directed towards the earth, it could cause various types of disturbances in the near earth space environment.

Various spacecraft and communication systems are prone to such disturbances and therefore an early warning of such events is important for taking corrective measures beforehand.

In addition to these, if an astronaut is directly exposed to such explosive phenomena, he/she would be in danger. The various thermal and magnetic phenomena on the sun are of extreme nature.

Thus, the Sun also provides a good natural laboratory to understand those phenomena which cannot be directly studied in the lab.

The Indians space agency said all the seven payloads carried by Aditya-L1 are indigenously developed by different laboratories

in the country in close coordination with it. The Visible Emission Line Coronagraph (VELC) instrument is developed at the Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bengaluru; Solar Ultraviolet Imaging Telescope (SUIT) instrument at Inter University Centre for Astronomy & Astrophysics, Pune; Aditya Solar wind Particle Experiment (ASPEX) at Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad; Plasma Analyser Package for Aditya (PAPA) at Space Physics Laboratory, Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Thiruvananthapuram; Solar Low Energy X-ray Spectrometer (SoLEXS) and High Energy L1 Orbiting X-ray Spectrometer (HEL1OS) payloads at U R Rao Satellite Centre, Bengaluru and the Magnetometer at the Laboratory for Electro Optics Systems, Bengaluru.

India Front

the industries," the Lt Governor said. He said the ideas and ideals of Mahamana have led the path in the making of modern

'India is a front-ranking scientific power today. Our country benefitted immensely from Mahamana's multi-dimensional vision. Mahamana's effort to build a strong edifice of science and technology had opened up opportunities to explore new frontiers of scientific knowledge," the Lt Governor said.

Mahamana was among the first visionary to step in to create a fine balance between modern science and technology and Indian ethos. He initiated four significant departments in 1916 focused on science and technology - Science, Engineering, Chemistry and Technology, to serve the country as well as its future aspirations, he added.

The Lt Governor said that Mahamana transformed BHU into the breeding ground for well-trained manpower, who are not only serving the country but also contributing to the growth of various other nations.

Alumni of BHU and other prominent personalities from all walks of life were present

J&K Set To Become

there is a smile on the faces of people," the DGP said. He was accompanied by DIG north Kashmir range, Vivek Gupta.

He said after terrorism, the next challenge is drug smuggling. "We are committed to make J&K a drug free place," he said.

To a query about two incidents where Sikh community members were found dead in Baramulla and Tral, the DGP said that such incidents are general ones. "Police have taken cognizance of both incidents and there is no need to worry. FIR has been lodged and probe is on," he said. "The case of death of Sikh community member from Baramulla has been handed over to the Crime Branch. On Panchayat polls preparations, the DGP said

that all arrangements are in place and police will ensure smooth polls as and when they are held. Earlier, addressing the policemen, the J&K

police chief said that there will be a drastic change in policing as provisions are going to be made, where a police officer won't easily take SHOship (Station House Officer) post. 'We have set up two committee's in PHQ that will

ensure the completion of syllabus within a framed time," he said. "Our lives are for people, peace and prosperity and we are committed to it.'

The DGP urged the policemen to continue their good work for which they are being hailed by the masses. "Not only on local level, countrywide Jammu and Kashmir Police's policing is being appreciated and hailed. In the last parliamentary session the country's Home Minister hailed our relentless services for being on the forefront in every situation. That's indeed a compliment. Got wishes, praises for that and all credit goes to you (police)," he said and congratulated the policemen for their services.

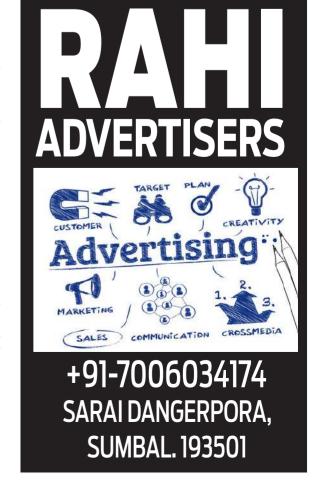
The DGP said: "Let's continue our work and with each passing day, we should improve our output. There was a time when Srinagar and other pockets of Kashmir were reverberating with the Zakir Mussa, Geelani and Naikoo's slogans, but that period is over as those people who used Kashmir people don't exist anywhere now. Kashmir is witnessing a peaceful atmosphere now," he said. where now and there is complete peace now."—(KNO)

Over 5 Lakh

the promotion and with time, it's getting better and better, a local hotelier said.

A local said that the tourism department should come up with some more initiatives that will attract the tourists towards the destination.

Hoteliers at Sonamarg said that this time all hotels are packed and the season is going on very well after several years—(KNO)





Meri Maati Mera Desh

PM brings glory to India on global landscape, steers **J&K out of morass: Rana**

JAMMU: Senior BJF leader Devender Singh Rana Saturday said that the world is watching with rapt attention how Prime Minister Narendra Modi is steering India to unprecedented economic resurgence with glory amid huge global challenges post pandemic era besides steering out Jammu and Kashmir from the threedecade morass caused due to foreign sponsored and abetted terrorism.

"While growing international stature of the country stands testimony to statesmanship of the Prime Minister, heralding peace and normalcy in Jammu and Kashmir speaks of his sincerity in intent and decisiveness in action", Mr Devender Rana said while paying tribute to Martyr Head Constable Krishan Chand at a homage playing ceremony held at Challana in Panchavat Pounthal of Nagrota Assembly Constituency, as part of the Meri Maati Mera Desh" programme launched by the party which envisions a unified celebration of India's soil and valour, commemorating the nation's journey of freedom and progress. By connecting with the land and honouring and paying tributes to our heroes. Martyr Krishan Chand



laid down his life on 1st September,2017 at Pantha

Chowk in Srinagar. Rana said the dawn of normalcy in Kashmir has hovered darkness of wilderness over the political enterprise of the PDP, Congress and the National Conference that did no good to people of Jammu and Kashmir during the past over seven decades except inflicting miseries upon them. He said the dream of the people across the Union Territory stands realized in terms of huge transformation, large scale development, politicoeconomic empowerment and end of stone throwing and hartal culture. He particularly referred to the sense of empowerment among the people of Jammu region, irrespective of religion and caste, who had suffered long spell of ignominy and discrimination due to misgovernance of the elite political class.

Devender Rana said the people of Jammu and Kashmir wanted a change in the stereo-type political management which had thus far remained the exclusive domain of the selected few and benefitted the elite political class alone. This is happening now. The change is the essence of democracy and the people here too want devolution of power to enable them to shape their socio-economic destiny. He reiterated the BJP stands guarantee to equitable opportunities of progress and development, as also equal role in decision

in immense measure. "This has become possible post political developments of August 5, 2019",

making, to all the regions

and the sub-regions,

which is discernible now

Rana also met the martyr's wife Mrs Satya Devi and sons Raman Kumar Rakesh Kumar and Anil Kumar and saluted their resilience in meeting the situation. The sacrifice of the martyr will be always remembered and serve as an inspiration for generations to come, he added.

Rana also visited Jandrah, Dhan and Nagola Panchayats of Dansal Block and interacted with a wide cross section of people and addressed their grievances mainly related to Education, Health, Power, Public Works, and Revenue Departments.

Those present were Som Nath Khajuria, Sarpanch Anil Barsala, Ex Sarpanch Mohan Singh, Mohd Sadiq, Pritam Singh, Darshan Lal, Master Ranjit Singh, Kishori Lal, Ajay Gupta, Sanjay Gupta, Balram Singh, Balbir Singh, Rajinder Singh, Rameshwar Singh, Prof. Sunil Sharma, Virdev Singh, Thakur Dass and others.

Unlike India, many countries try to resolve problems through arms: CJI

AIZAWL: The Chief Justice of India (CJI), D.Y. Chandrachud, said on Saturday that unlike India, there are many countries in the world trying to resolve their problems through arms and weap-

Inaugurating the new building of the Aizawl bench of Gauhati High Court here, the CJI said: "We stand for rule of law, we stand for peaceful resolution of problems.

'The importance of our institutions is that we have replaced the culture of violence with the culture of dialogue, culture of tolerance, culture of understanding and the realisation of shared values to bring human happiness and human good.

The CJI said that the members of Bars and others have a vital role to play in strengthening the institutions

"Involvement of all is crucial to the stability and survival of our nation. Dialogue between the communities, and between various stakeholders is very vital." the CJI said.

He also said that no human being is so important to course the change of history, but all of us together have the ability to contribute to a stable, peaceful and happy society. On a lighter vein, the gathering.

CJI said that many people

ask him how he always

maintains a smiling face

despite handling so many

crucial problems in the

Supreme Court, "but now

I ask Mizoram Chief Min-

ister Zoramthanga (who

was also present on the

occasion), how does he

maintain a smiling face

and good health at this

age despite dealing with so

Minister was seen smil-

ing on the dais along with

Union Law Minister Arjun

Ram Meghwal, other

"From my behalf as well as the Chief Minis-

ter's behalf I can tell you

that the secret of our smil-

ing face is a sense of opti-

mism for the betterment

of our society. Also, paren-

tal genes, good luck and

upbringing help us keep

smiling," the CJI told the

judges and dignitaries.

The octogenarian Chief

many crucial problems".

Giving the example of Uttar Pradesh, Justice Chandrachud said that in recent years, more women are joining the judiciary.

"To increase the number of women in both benches and Bars, a conducive environment is necessary," he pointed out. Appreciating the Mizo

society, the CJI stressed the need for more judges and lawyers from the northeast region in the national capital and in the Supreme

Justice Chandrachud, expressing his gratitude to all the stakeholders for the completion of the new building of the Aizawl bench of the Gauhati High Court, said that since court plays a crucial role in a successful judicial system, development of its premises and other necessary facilities is also equally important.

'But more significantly, we need to keep in mind that we must stand with the rule of law and stand with the peaceful resolution of law. The rule of law is what sustains this nation and this new building also signifies the rule of law in the state," he added.

The new building of the Aizawl bench has been con structed at the New Capital Complex in Aizawl at a cost of Rs 4.62 crore.

The inaugural function was attended by Meghwal, Justice Sandeep Mehta, Chief Justice of Gauhati High Court, and Supreme Court judges Hrishikesh Roy and Ujjal Bhuyan, among others.

The Aizawl bench of the Gauhati High Court was established on July 5, 1990. It used to function from Ainawn Veng, about 5 km from state capital Aizawl.

Dir RDD tours B'la; takes stock of different projects

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BARAMULLA: The Director Rural Development (RDD) Kashmir, Shabir Hussain Bhat Saturday conducted an extensive tour of Baramulla district and took stock of various developmental works being executed under centrally sponsored Swachh Bharat Mission-Grameen (SBM-G) and MGNREGA.

At the outset of his visit, the Director inspected Solid Waste Segregation Sheds and other verticals of SBM-G in block Pattan during which he was briefed about the execution of works plan by the Assistant Commissioner Panchayat Baramulla,

Gulzar Ahmad Khan. He also took appraisal of Plastic Waste Management Unit being constructed at Palhallan wherein he directed the concerned authorities to accelerate the tempo of work so that it is completed within the stipulated time frame.

The Director also inspected several other SBM verticals including Community Sanitatry Complexes (CSC), Com-

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munity Soakpits etc at different locations of the district and took the first hand appraisal of their pace and position.

Bhat expressed satisfaction over the progress cum performance achieved in SBM-G besides applauding the functionaries for their tireless efforts for achieving saturation in the identified indicators.

Meanwhile, the Director also took inspection of Amrit Sarovar sites being developed at different locations under MGNREGA wherein Assistant Commissioner Development Baramulla Shabir Ahmad Hakak appraised him about their current status. The Director exhorted to mobilize all the available resources productively so that all the desired results are timely achieved.

Later, the Director paid visit of RDD complex Baramulla where he took stock of the functioning of different sections and emphasized upon the officials to work with zeal and dedication for delivering public services smoothly and efficiently.

DH Shopian conducts first-ever Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy

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SHOPIAN: In a remarkable feat of medical excellence, District Hospital Shopian achieved a significant milestone by successfully conducting its first-ever Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy under high thoracic spinal anaesthesia.

The authorities at the DH Shopian said that this groundbreaking procedure, performed on a young female patient, is a testament to the unwavering dedication and expertise of the hospital's surgical and anaesthesia teams.

The surgical team, led by the talented Dr Seth Mujtaba and supported by Dr Misba (DRP), undertook this pioneering approach to address a gallbladder issue in their patient. Typically performed under general anaesthesia, Laparoscopic Cholecystectomy was taken to new heights by opting for high thoracic spinal anaesthesia.

This innovative technique offers numerous advantages, including reduced postoperative pain, quicker recovery, and a decreased risk of

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complications associated with general anaesthesia.

Dr Aijaz, at the helm of the anaesthesia department, carried out this remarkable procedure along with the contribution of Dr Shabir Ahmad Langoo, the visionary behind this mission.

The team's collaborative efforts also included the skilful participation of Dr Mudasir, Dr Zahid, and the dedicated paramedical staff, comprising Ajaz (OT Incharge), Fayaz, Umar Fayaz, Shakir and Nazir Ahmad.

The hospital authorities acknowledged the invaluable logistic support of Dr Shafi Naikoo, the consultant surgeon, and MS Dr Rubina for making this milestone possible. "This achievement speaks volumes about the District Hospital Shopian's commitment to offering advanced and patient-centric healthcare," they said, adding, "By embracing innovative techniques and fostering a culture of excellence, the hospital not only serves its community but also sets a remarkable example for healthcare institutions in

'Jawan' witnesses' enormous

SRK fever grips valley again

bookings ahead of release

MUBASHIR AALAM WANI

SRINAGAR: SRK fever has yet again gripped Kashmir as the valley's lone multiplex cinema is witnessing enormous booking of tickets ahead of the release of 'Jawan'.

Directed by Atlee, Sharukh Khan and Nayanthara starrer Jawan is all set to release on Thursday across India. The movie also features south superstar Vijay Sethupathi and Deepika Padukone in cameo.

The advance booking of 'Jawan' opened on Friday morning and it seems that the fans are eager to witness the first show of this mega Bollywood movie.

A cursory look at the Inox app shows that multiplex will have housefull shows of the movie on Thursday and Friday.

Tickets for the following days are also selling like hotcakes as nearly 50 percent seats have been booked for Saturday and Sunday shows.

Vijay Dhar, owner of

the INOX Cinema theatre said 'Jawan' is witnessing a 'good' response in Srinagar as advance bookings are coming in huge numbers.

"When the picture is

good and people like it. So far, Thursday's show is houseful and we hope the tickets will be sold out till Sunday," he said. Dhar said SRK is very

much revered in the valley, which he said was evident with enormous response during the release of 'Pathan'.

"SRK is a mega Bollywood star and Kashmiris love him. People belonging to all age groups book tickets to watch his movie. Pathan, last time was a big surprise as people queued up to watch the movie. Even 'Oppenheimer' was also successful for us as it recorded housefull shows for days together," he said.

Post Pathan success, Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a special reference to Jammu & Kashmir, where he said that the cinema halls are running housefull after a very long time.

TAD felicitates 25 for selection in JKAS

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: The Tribal Affairs Department felicitated 25 students from tribal communities of Jammu and Kashmir for their selection in Jammu and Kashmir Administrative Services, Jammu and Kashmir Police, and Account Services. Youth beneficiaries under various schemes and candidates selected in Central Government services were also awarded.

Secretary, Tribal Affairs Department, and Chief Executive Officer, Mission Youth, Dr Shahid Igbal Choudhary was chief guest on the occasion, who also addressed the selected candidates, aspirants and students. The program was attended by Director TAD, Mushir Ahmed Mirza, Secretary, Advisory Board, Mukhtar Ahmed Choudhary, FA/ CAO Ashok Kumar Thukaan, Jt Director Planning Shama un Ahmed and senior officers of the

department. Deputy Director TRI Dr Abdul Khabir conducted the program. The department felici

tated 25 young tribal students for qualifying the Jammu and Kashmir Combined Competitive Civil Services Examination for selection JKAS, JKPS and JK Account Service. The selectees shared their education journey with students invited from various hostels and inspired them for various career options. Tribal youth and hostel students selected for CRPF, ITBP and other central forces were also felicitated On the occasion, students selected under the recently launched scheme Law-20 were also felicitate with certificate and award letter for undergoing coaching for the Judicial Services

Examination. Certificates were also awarded to the students and tribal youth who have completed various skill development courses organised by the department and TRI.

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Morning Kashmir

Domestic Violence

ay 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 evey 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 muhalla 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 muhalla 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

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Why The World Needs A Different Mobilization Of People

eople 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 weapons 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

'n 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 engage ment 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 respon-

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 remarkable 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

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 rela-

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?

opulation 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

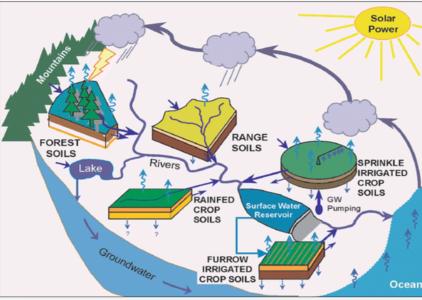
Why have potable reuse projects faced an uphill battle? Just consider how the technology works. Potable reuse involves treating municipal wastewater to augment drinking water supplies and can be done in two ways. Indirect potable reuse (IPR) introduces purified water into an environmental buffer—like 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 entire-

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.

ly safe to drink

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

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 multibarrier 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 Innova-

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

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

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 fourthgrade 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 approvedbecause 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 Reuseand 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

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

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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NEWS



JKJA organises day long **Seminar on Criminal Justice System**

SRINAGAR: The Jammu & Kashmir Judicial Acade my (JKJA) Saturday organised one day seminar on 'Criminal Justice System' today, 2nd September 2023 at Mominabad here.

This seminar was designed for wide range of professionals including Public Prosecutors (PPs), Additional PPs, Prosecuting Officers (POs), Police Officers, Investigating Officers. Medical Officers and Judicial Magistrates.

Justice Puneet Gupta Judge High Court of J&K and Ladakh was also present on the occasion.

Justice Muzaffar Hussain Attar, Former Judge High Court of J&K and Ladakh and Nisar Hussain Draboo, Former Director Prosecution Kashmir were the resource persons for the seminar.

The seminar shed light on critical aspects of the Criminal Justice System, including the role of various stakeholders, the significance of FIRs, and the application of modern technology in gathering scientific evidence. Participants were enthusiastic



while engaging in sessions with distinguished speakers who shared a wealth of experience and expertise to the table.

During the inaugural session, Director, JKJA, Yash Paul Bourney gave an overview of the programme and emphasized that foundation for the Criminal Justice System is fair investigation by the police and efficient prosecution. He added that existence of an orderly society is entirely dependent upon a sound and efficient Crim-

inal Justice System. The Director remarked that law of the land has to be in tune with the aspirations of the citizens and

working of our criminal justice system.

The day-long sensitization programme was divided into two technical sessions and each session was followed by an interactive session for feedback. The first technical session was chaired by Justice Muzaffar Hussain Attar, who analysed the role functionaries in Criminal Justice Administration, particularly the role of the Investigator and Prosecutor. He also discussed in detail the importance of FIR, Section 154 an 156 of CrPC.

The second technical session was chaired by Nisar Hussain Draboo, wherein he deliberated upon the co-ordination issues between the Investigator, Prosecutor & Trial Court. He also discussed the importance of Scientific Evidence and How it is collected through the use of Modern Technology.

While presenting vote of thanks Director, JKJA said that this seminar provided a unique opportunity for professionals in the Criminal Justice System to enhance their knowledge and exchange ideas in a collaborative environment.

CS I&C inaugurates two-day painting exhibition at Govt Arts Emporium

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SRINAGAR: Commissioner Secretary, Industries and Commerce. Vikramiit Singh on Saturday inaugurated two-day painting exhibition at Government

Arts Emporium Srinagar. The event is aimed at captivating the artistic talent of Arshad Sualeh who is a prolific painter and has made Kashmir proud on global radar through his realistic paintings and portraits. Sualeh also masters the art of Quranic Calligraphy Paintings combined with landscape, Abstract, Semi Abstract Figurative Work Paintingsand Realistic Paintings.

The inauguration kicked off with an exclusive opening reception where attendees had the opportunity to meet and engage with the talented artist behind the exhibited works. The exhibition features an eclectic collection of artworks spanning various genres, styles, and mediums. From vibrant paintings and to thought-provoking sculp-

tures, the exhibition offers a diverse and immersive experience for all visitors.

Commissioner Secretary on the occasion termed the exhibition a testament to diverse voices and visions that shape the contemporary art scene with the aims to inspire creativity, and promote cultural exchange through the universal language of art. "We are confident that visitors will be moved, inspired, and

array of works on display", he said.

Director Handicrafts & Handloom thanked all the stakeholders who are supporting and promoting the local artisans and also appreciated the role of media who have been prominent in promoting the arts and crafts of the valley. He strengthened the commitment of department to continue such exhibitions under it's 'Know Your Artisan' initia-

He said the main objective of such interventions is taking handcrafted art to a new level; spread the age-old crafts into various spheres and promote them to be utilized in contempo

rary spaces. Commissioner Secre tary also inaugurated a new showroom of JKI established within the Government Arts Emporium where an exclusive range of high-quality Silk and Woolen products are kept on display and sale.

intrigued by the stunning Khan addresses Grievance Redressal

Camp in Galwanpora Village

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BUDGAM: The Chairman, District Development Council (DDC) Budgam, Nazir Ahmad Khan, Saturday connected with the grassroots of the community by addressing a grievance redressal camp held in Galwanpora village of Budgam district.

During this interactive session, he lent a compassionate ear to the concerns and grievances of the local residents.

One of the primary issues brought forth by the public during this camp was the long-pending matter of the languishing high school building in Galwanpora village. Chairman DDC gave his assurance that this matter will be thoroughly reviewed and expedited to ensure that the educational needs of the village are met promptly.

The event witnessed active participation of several key government officers, including the Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Budgam, senior officers, and dedicated members of the Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRI). Their presence underscored the significance of collaborative efforts in resolving pressing issues and enhancing the overall welfare of the Budgam district.

Khan expressed his commitment to ensuring the prompt resolution of public grievances, emphasizing the importance of grassroots governance through PRI institutions in addressing the urgent needs of rural areas. He extended his gratitude to all participants for their collective dedication to the development and progress of the region.

CUK DIPR organises Cultural Program at GGHS Batamaloo



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SRINAGAR: As part of its initiative to empower youth. the Cultural Unit Kashmir of Department of Information and Public Relations J&K in collaboration with Government Girls High School (GGHS) Batamaloo Saturday organised a symposium and Cultural Program at GGHS Batamaloo, Srinagar on 'Introduction to Youth empowerment and Skill development'.

The aim of the program was to make students aware of life skills which are vital to effectively tackle the challenges of the 21st century and to bring attitudinal and behavioral change. Noted artists performed a short play on Youth Empowerment.

Somiya Ashiq, Ridha Lateef and Farhat Akhtar got the 1st, 2nd and 3rd positions respectively in the symposium while Aiman Jan and Sehla Yaqoob hosted the event. The School administration appreciated the organisers for this initiative as these types of programs empower students with soft skills such as interpersonal relations, decision making, time management, team skills, communication and leadership.

SDT Program on 'Automation Service Technician' commences in Anantnag

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ANANTNAG: The District Employment and Counseling Centre (DE&CC) Anantnag, with ITI Anantnag as the training Provider, Saturday launched a transformative three months skill development training program on 'Automation Service Techni-

The event was presided over by Director of Employment J&K, Nisar Ahmad Wani as the chief guest. He highlighted the paramount importance of skill development in bridging the gap between job seekers and the everevolving job market. His insights shed light on the immense opportunities this program brings to the participants.

Assistant Director of Employment, Nowshad Anjum Mir extended a warm welcome to the participants and dignitaries present, setting an enthusiastic tone for the occasion. He emphasized the significance of skill development in empowering individuals for a competitive job

market. The 'Automation Service Technician' training program aims to equip individuals with the essential skills and knowledge required in the field of automobile sector, a sector witnessing rapid growth. Participants can look forward to a comprehensive

curriculum designed to enhance their employability and competitiveness in today's dynamic job land-

scape This initiative exemplifies the commitment of the DE&CC, Anantnag and ITI Anantnag to empower the youth with the skills needed to secure a brighter future. The program is poised to make a positive impact on the lives of countless individuals, strengthening the workforce and contributing to the region's economic

development. The event concluded with a vote of thanks pre-sented by Imran Wajahat, Principal of ITI Anantnag. expressing gratitude to all attendees, trainers, and partners for their unwayering support in making this skill development initiative a reality.

In addition, Shazlia Qureshi, Career Counseling Officer, played a pivotal role in facilitating the event's proceedings.

Later, the Director Employment visited the site of under construction building of DE&CC Anantnag at Bhaag Nowgam and thereafter took a detailed review under various deliverables vis-à-vis Registrations, Counselling, Job-fairs, and Unemployment Survey and directed the officers/officials to keep up with the pace and achieve the specified tar-

Counseling programme on **Civil Services examination** held in Kulgam

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demands of the changing

times as to the nature and

complexities of offences

He added that the three

major components of our

criminal justice system

entrusted with the task of

enforcement of laws are

police, prosecution and

He highlighted that it is

important for all the three

stakeholders to work in

close coordination, inter-

act frequently and have a dialogue for better co-

ordination for ironing out

the grey areas so that the

interest of justice is best

served. He further said that

at government level also.

efforts have been made

constantly to improve the

KULGAM: The District Administration Kulgam. District Employment and Counseling Centre, in collaboration with Paytm foundation (A public charitable trust) Saturday organized an awareness cum interaction programme on Civil Services examinations at the new conference hall, here.

The Additional District Development Commissioner (ADDC) Kulgam, Showkat Ahmad Rather was chief guest on the occasion. Newly selected JKAS officers from the 2023 batch including Shajaat Farooq, Zeeshan Ilyas, Safdar Ahmad Bhat and other JKAS officers participated in the programme to guide the aspiring candidates and shared the strategy and planning adopted by them which helped them to crack the exam.

KK Parashar, from Paytm Foundation also spoke on the occasion on various interventions of the foundation for the benefit of students.

Speaking on the occasion, the ADDC said that dedication, commitment and passion are critical to crack any kind of competi-

tive exam. He said that Aspirants should devote quality time towards competitive Exams and should add to their knowledge base by understanding the syllabus and thoroughly preparing all the components. He further urged aspirants to put extra efforts in order to fulfill and achieve their dreams

District Information Officer (DIO) Kulgam, Showkat Hussain Ganie in his speech remarked that to crack any civil services exam, one has to set goals right and follow the same with hard work and self belief.

AD, Employment Nowshad Ahmad shared with the participants that time management, consistency and proper strategy is vital to prepare and qualify these prestigious exams.

He added that Civil services jobs give an ample opportunity to realize personal and professional goals; one can serve the society at a much bigger platform through civil

ALC, Dr.Adnan Tariq urged the participants to prepare in advance, as they have sufficient time period at their disposal as time is the essence of any competitive Examination.

The participants were also informed that answer writing skills in the civil services exam plays a critical role in performing well and in this regard Aspirants need to develop these skills in order to crack Examination.

During the programme an interaction session with the civil services Aspirants was also held.



Government of Jammu and Kashmir OFFICE OF THE CHILD DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OFFICER POSHAN BUDGA



Subject:-Provisional Merit list of Sahavikas (Anganwadi Helpers) of Poshan Project Budgam.

In pursuance to Government Order No. 103-JK (SWD) of 2023 Dated:-28-04-2023 and approval conveyed by Mission Director Poshan J&K Srinagar vide No. MD/Poshan/Estt/13247-53 Dated: 08-05-2023 vacant posts were advertised by this office vide no. CDPO/Poshan/Bud/ Advt/2023/4198-1507 Dated:-17-07-2023 for selection of 10 Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers) for 10 vacant posts of Anganwadi Workers of Poshan Project Budgam. However 01 post was re-advertised due to shortage of candidates (Galwanpora A). In response to said advertisement Notice 14 application forms were received and merit list of candidates was prepared as per criteria laid down vide Government order No. 103 JK (SWD of 2023 Dated:-28-04-2023. Thus provisional selection list framed on the basis of merit (Matric) is appended at Annexure "A" comparsing of 14 candidates selected as Sahayikas (Anganwadi Helpers). The provisional merit list of each ward has been thoroughly scrutinized by the selection committee members and the most eligible candidates in accordance with merit have been provisionally selected against the

The provisional Merit List is hereby published fo information of general public and inviting objections/appeals if any which shall be received in the office of the Child Development Project Officer Poshan Budgam within 10 days of the publication. No objections/appeal will be entertained

(List Enclosed)

Subject:-Tantative Selection List of candidates who have applied for engagement as A.W.Helper (Sahayikas) for AW Centre of Poshan Project Budgam" Advertised Notice issued by Child Development Project Officer Poshan Budgam vide No. CDPO/Poshan/Bud/Advt/2023/4198-1507 Dated:-17-07-2023 for Anganwadi Centres Panch Ward / Municpal ward as shown below (Phase-1st)

S.No	Index No	Name of the candi- date with parentage and Residence	Name of Anganwa- di center	Name of Panchayat	Name of Panch Ward	Date of Birth	Age as on 01- 01-2023	Qualifi- cation	Married/ Unmarried	Max. Marks	Marks obtained	Per- centage	Add-(02) points as per HR Policy	Total Merit	Re- marks
1	6	Khushbu Rashid D/o Ab. Rashid Bhat R/o Gulshan Abad Hyderpora	Galwanpo- ra B	Hyderpora	15	5/3/2003	29 Years	10th	Unmarried	500	241	48.2	0	48.2	
2	3	Shahzada Rashid W/o Riyaz Ahmad Teli R/o Palpora	Palpora A	Palpora	1	12/10/1994	29 Years	10th	Married	500	247	49.4	0	49.4	
3	13	Kulsuma Akhter W/o Nasrul Islam R/o Munipapy	Munipa- py A	Palpora	7	4/1/1989	34 Years	10th	Married	500	270	54	0	54	
4	12	Shahnazah Bano W/o Muzaffar Hussain Mir R/o Chandpora	Chandpo- ra A	Chandpora	2	1/5/1992	31 Years	10th	Married	500	311	62.2	0	62.2	
5	9	Farhat Ul Ain W/o Niyaz Ahmad Shah R/o Dangerpora	Danger- pora	Razwan	5	7/15/1988	35 Years	10th	Married	500	212	42.4	0	42.4	
6	2	Rifat Khan D/o Feroz Ahmad Khan R/o Ichgam	Ichgam B	Ichgam A	7	4/7/2002	21 Years	10th	Unmarried	500	417	83.4	0	83.4	
7	5	Asima Akhter D/o Gh. Hassan Mir R/o Ichkoot	Ichkoot A	Ichkoot A	1	3/7/1997	26 Years	10th	Unmarried	500	254	50.8	0	50.8	
8	4	Qulsooma Akhter W/o Mohd Yousuf Kumar R/o Moshibagh	Moshibagh	Palpora	6	3/15/1988	35 Years	10th	Married	500	179	35.8	0	35.8	
9	1	Rubeena Akhter W/o Abdul Qayoom Wani R/o Laloo	Laloo	Hyderpora	15	1/1/1988	35 Years	10th	Married	500	197	39.4	0	39.4	

Copy for information and necessary action to the selection committee for the approval of selection for the post of A.W.Helper (Sahayikas) constituted vide Govt Order No:222-JK(SWD) of 2023 Dated:30.11.2022 and Govt order No: 103-JK(SWD) of 2023 Dated: 28.04.2023 However this would be strictly conditional and is subject to objections, if any, as received from the general public within ten days after publication of the tentative selection list in the

No.CDPO/Poshan/Bud/2023/

DIPK-8187-23 DT: 02/09/2023

Child Dev. Project Officer Poshan Budgam.

Dist Admin B'pora holds webinar on 'Digital Literacy'

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BANDIPORA: An online webinar was Saturday organized by District Administration Bandipora as part of ensuing Digital Awareness Week 2023 with an aim to maximise outreach of digital initiatives of UT Govt for

citizens. The online webinar was presided over by the Joint Director Planning (JDP) Bandipora, Imtivaz Ahmad and conducted by DIO NIC Bandipora, BDO Naidkhai and SO Treasury Bandipora as resource persons.

The resource persons initially spoke about

Jan- bhagidari app wherein citizens can surf and check for area wise developmental works along with physical and financial status. Citizens can also send feedback through the tabs avail-

My scheme.gov.in is an app for bird's view on all govt schemes and Mobile dost is jk govt initiative and again an OTP based phone app for all services, said JDP.

Administration appealed students, job seekers, and all its citizens to install Mobile Dost and digilocker apps for its large hassle free

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR OFFICE OF THE DISTRICT SHEEP HUSBANDRY **OFFICER KUPWARA-193222** Email: doshdkupwara@gmail.com Telefax: +911955252220

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST Subject: Expression of interest for insurance of livestock (Sheep / Goat) under N.L.M Scheme-

In view of the poor response from the insurance companies, the last date for expression of interest insurance of livestock (Sheep / Goat) under N.L.M Scheme is hereby extended up to 04th of September 2023. The terms and condition of E.O.I shall remain the same as already advertised vide No. DSHOK/Tech/2023-

24/1662-63 Dated: 21/08/2023 DSHOK/Tech/2023-24/1838-55 Dated: 01/09/2023 DIPK-8189-23 DT: 02/09/2023

District Sheep Husbandry Officer

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Extension of date thereof.

Good Morning Kashmir



Bhaderwah Tourism ready to take a big leap

BHADERWAH: District Doda, especially Bhaderwah, is bestowed with captivating natural beauty, panoramic vistas, a variety of beautiful landscapes meadows, deodar and kail forests and River Neeru.

Recent years have seen heavy footfall of tourists from across the globe in the Bhaderwah region. District Administration Doda, under the leadership of Vishesh Mahajan (DC), has also left no stone unturned in bringing the District on the world tourism map.

Only this year, the heavy rush of visitors during mega events, like Guldanda Winter festival, Asikini Bhaderkashi Utsav, International Yoga Celebrations at Jae Valley, New Year festival at Gatha Park, Youthon 2023 and other like events have proved that the region, due to its rich geographical and cultural beauty, can become the choicest place for the tourists from across the world.

To cater to the needs of tourists visiting the area. world-class infrastruc-

ture is being developed in the district. New hotels. restaurants, better roads. good transport facilities. and professionally sound manpower are making the way for a new era of tourism in the district.

Yesterday, Bhaderwah witnessed a historic moment as Ambience Group of Hotels started construction work of its first 5-star property in the picturesque region. The Grand Foundation stone laving event was graced by SSP, Abdul Qayoom, ADC

related to excessive bill-

ing. He emphasised that

power bills would accu-

rately reflect actual con-

sumption, alleviating any

participation and open-

mindedness of the locals

and acknowledged the local

Corporator's significant

contribution in disseminat-

SDM informed the public

about an ongoing amnesty

scheme introduced by the

power department. This

scheme allows consumers

to pay off their outstand-

ing bills up to March 2022,

without interest charges

by the end of this month

and avail the much-needed

a Smart Meter Griev-

ances Redressal Camp

was organised at Shankar

Colony Gangyal, where

the Sub Divisional Mag-

istrate, along with other

officials, actively resolved

numerous complaints

related to smart meters.

They emphasised uninter-

rupted power supply and

the importance of timely

bill payment and prevent-

ing power theft.

In a separate initiative,

financial relief.

Furthermore, the

ing positive information.

He also praised the active

unfounded concerns.

Bhaderwah Ch. Dil Mir, Chairman of the Municipal Committee Bhaderwah and others

Nestled in the heart of Bhaderwah, Ambience Group of Hotels shall bring a touch of luxury and sophistication to this enchanting destination.

The high-end tourism infrastructure shall mark the beginning of a new era in the hospitality industry of Bhaderwah and is expected to give a major boost to the local economy

The foundation laving ceremony was virtually attended by DC Vishesh Mahajan also, who praised the initiative, saying, "This property will undoubtedly boost tourism in Bhaderwah and create numerous opportunities for the local community. It reflects the growth and development that Bhaderwah is experiencing. This establishment will not only cater to the needs of tourists but also contribute significantly to the economic growth of Bhaderwah.'

Digital J&K Week

Mega events being held in Banihal, Ramsoo and Gool Sub-divisions

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RAMBAN: In continuation to the Digital J&K Week campaign, three mega events will be organized at Subdivision level in Banihal, Ramsoo and Gool, said Deputy Commissioner Ramban, Mussarat Islam while addressing the culmination function of 3-day Digi Mela at district headquar-

ters, here Saturday. Senior Superintendent of Traffic Police, National Highway, Rohit Baskotra was the special guest on the occasion, while Chief Planning Officer, Dr. Kasturi Lal, GM DIC Ravinder Anand, DSEO, Ganesh Kumar, CAHO, CHO, DSHO, Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Rajeev Gai, DIO NIC, Parshant Kumar, PRIs and other senior officers also attended the programme.

The 3-day Digi Mela at Ramban- the part of Digital J&K Week campaign 2023 witnessed huge participation of people from all walks of life.

During the Mela the departments including Agriculture, Horticulture,

Sheep Husbandry, Animal Husbandry, Health, Election, Revenue, Education, ICDS, Cooperative, JK Tourism, Social welfare, Transport, Labour and Employment, Rural Development, Banks, Common Services Centres, District Treasury Office and Municipal Council sensitized the participants about their online services besides

providing handholding to them for availing the benefits of people oriented schemes at their doorsteps.

Elaborating the main objectives of Digital J&K Week campaign, the Deputy Commissioner appreciated efforts put in by all the departments to provide hassle free online services to people in a transparent manner.

The Deputy Commissioner also urged the people to avail benefits of 612 online services of different sectors to avoid frequent visits to the Government offices and other services providers.

Encouraging the youth about the benefits of the Digital world, the Senior Superintendent of Police Traffic educated them about challenges pertaining to operating different apps on social media. He advised them to use social media judiciously and carefully to avoid any inconvenience.

He impressed upon the youth to take proper guidance to avail the benefits of online services besides pro moting the same in their society by imparting the training to others in their areas.

Later, the Deputy Commissioner and SSP Traffic flagged off Digital Yatra vehicle from District Administrative Complex, Ramban which will visit all the three subdivisions of the district to educate the people about available online services.

Admin takes people-friendly steps to encourage adoption of Smart Power Meters



GMK NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU: The Jammu district administration is diligently working to facilitate the seamless adoption of Smart Power Meters, recognising the need to address genuine concerns while spreading accurate information among the public.

In a concerted effort to raise awareness and foster understanding the district administration organised a series of informative sessions at various locations throughout the district. Using a blend of modern and traditional communication channels, the administration is actively sharing insights about these advanced meters.

A recent session was conducted at Kunjwani, where SDM Jammu South. Atul Dutt Sharma, assured the public that Smart Meters would eradicate unscheduled power cuts. ensuring greater reliability on power supply. He personally addressed attendees' specific queries and promptly directed concerned officers to investigate and resolve issues

deadline for clearance of pendency under ISSS **GMK NEWS NETWORK**

DDC Jammu sets

JAMMU: District Development Commissioner,

making swift efforts to help register left-out beneficiaries and directed to host special tehsil-wise camps to clear the pendency and to assist left-out beneficiaries with their application procedures. He was chairing a meeting here in the

The Chief Medical Officer was tasked with conducting additional Medical Board sessions to identify beneficiaries and address the issues related to UDID for the disabled and the old

The District Social Welfare Officer was directed to share tehsil-wise data with the SDMs and Tehsildars for clearing deficiency and expediting the services like Domicile Certificate, besides facilitating the Aadhar seeding, submission of consent forms, identification of priority households etc with active involvement of LDM Jammu, AD (FCS&CA) concerned and Community Service Centres, Services

ed by Additional Deputy Commissioner (L&O), Harvinder Singh; ADC (ADM), Sandeep Seointra and District Social Welfare Officer, Mamta Rajput. Sub Division Magistrates, Tehsildars, Chief Medical Officers besides others participated through video

Meanwhile, the Deputy Commissioner chaired another meeting to discuss

The DC emphasised that the project is a priority for the government and that coordination between the departments is essential

such as land acquisition, the provision of alternative land for animal husbandry activities and other related

meeting also included ADC (L&O), Harvinder Singh; Assistant Commissioner Revenue, Pivush Dhotra and SDM Jammu South. Atul Dutt Sharma besides

Dir AHD distributes Al kits among

trained Multipurpose workers

DM Ramban chairs District Road Safety Committee meeting **GMK NEWS NETWORK** RAMBAN: District Mag-

Subject:

Reference:

istrate Ramban, Mussarat Islam Saturday chaired the District Road Safety Committee meeting to discuss road safety measures to minimise accidents, creating awareness about road safety and improving condition of roads.

Besides discussing the current status of National

Highway 44 (NH-44) and other roads maintained by 52-RCC, GREF, PWD (R&B) and PMGSY, the District Magistrate directed enforcement departments to control speeding by taking strict action against

The Deputy Commissioner directed the Executive Engineers of PMGSY and PWD (R&B) Division Ramban and Banihal to judiciously utilize funds provided by the District Road Safety Committee for the rectification of identified and other critical spots to avoid road accidents on the roads maintained by the twin departments.

Earlier, ARTO Ramban informed about initiatives taken to curb over speeding, overcharging, wrong parking, drunken driving, underage driving etc. on

National Highway 44 and various other link roads.

The meeting was attended by, Assistant Regional Transport Officer, Samrinder Singh DySP (DAR), Waqar Butt Executive Engineer, Jal Shakti, Rajeev Gai, AO, Dalip Kumar, OC GREF, S K Gautum, officers from National Highway Authority of India (NHAI) and

set up at block levels shall be available under the supervision of Tehsildar concerned, it was noted. The meeting was attend-

Sachin Kumar Vaishya Saturday set the deadline for the completion of deficient documents during the re-verification process of pending ISSS pension The DDC called for

DC office.

age certificates.

of Aadhar Seva Kendras

conference mode.

the expansion of Jammu Airport. Officers from the Airports Authority of India, Animal Husbandry Department and Revenue Department were in attendance.

for its success. The meeting, which was held at the district headquarters, discussed issues

matters. Those present at the



ii) Notification No. 066-BOPEE of 2023 Dated 20-08-2023

iii) Notification No. 070-BOPEE of 2023 Dated 26-08-2023

NOTIFICATION NO. 074-BOPEE OF 2023 DATED 02-09-2023

In pursuance of the Notification No.070-BOPEE of 2023 dated 26.08.2023 the second round of counselling (Physical) for upgradation/ allotment of seats was held w.e.f. 28.08.2023 to 30.08.2023. The list of candidates who have been upgraded/allotted seats provisionally for undergoing MBBS/BDS/DDM/DDH Courses, 2023 in various Government/Private Medical/Dental Colleges of UT of J&K, is hereby notified as per Annexure-A to this notification and the list of CDP Category candidates which was kept on hold vide Notification No. 057-BOPEE of 2023 dated 11.08.2023 have been allotted seats provisionally on the basis of Merit-cum-Preferences and as per the revised/amended priorities received by the Board from Zilla Sainik Welfare as mentioned in Notification No. 070-BOPEE of 2023 Dated 26-08-2023 is also hereby notified as per Annexure-B to this Notification, which shall remain available on website of the Board: www.jkbopee.gov.in only. The candidates shall report to the Colleges allotted to them w.e.f. 02.09.2023 to 06.09.2023 alongwith following documents in original for admission: -

THE J&K BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL

ENTRANCE EXAMINATIONS (BOPEE)

Tele/Fax: 0194-2433590, 2437647 (Srinagar): 0191-2479371, 2470102 (Jammu)

website: https://www.jkbopee.gov.in, email: helpdeskjakbopee@gmail.com/coejakbopee@gmail.com

Date of Birth Certificate. 2. Marks Card of 10+2.

Domicile Certificate of UT of J&K and for the candidates of UT of Ladakh, ST Certificate issued by the Competent Authority of Ladakh shall be treated as Domicile certificate.

Category Certificate, if any, applicable.

5. Valid Income Certificate in respect of Poor and Backward Category candidates, wherever required.

6. HM /NRI Certificate/document(s), wherever applicable. Any other certificate as may be required by the College Authorities.

The candidates provisionally selected for Up-gradation/Allotment shall mandatorily have to report for admission to the allotted College/ Institutions by or before 06.09.2023 upto 4:00 p.m. along with their relevant certificates in original, failing which they shall not be eligible for further rounds of counselling, if any, conducted by the Board.

The Colleges shall submit the shortfall, if any, on 06.09.2023 upto 5:00 p.m. positively to enable the Board to take further necessary action in the matter.

Note:

All the Heads of the Institutions/Colleges are advised to release the documents and refund the fee in favour of such candidates who have been upgraded to enable them to complete the admission process within the prescribed cut-off date (06.09.2023) without facing any difficulty.

All the Heads of the Institutions/Colleges are requested to keep their admission counters open on holidays/off days to facilitate the candidates to complete their admission process well in time. However, the candidates should, in their own interest, avoid waiting for the last day to complete the admission formalities as such delay has the potential of causing hardships to the

The admission of the candidates is purely provisional and shall be liable to be cancelled in case any information furnished by any candidate proves to be false/fabricated, and action as warranted under law shall be initiated against such candidates

It is hereby implored upon the management of all Colleges/Institutions to ensure the veracity of documents, particularly the Category Certificates wherever the admission is to be granted in lieu of a particular Reserved Category. So, far as the Persons with Disability are concerned, if selected in Open merit or against a Reserved category it shall be ensured that his/her PwD Certificate/eligibility is in conformity with NMC (MCI)/DCI guidelines, regulations framed by the concerned Regulatory Authority & wherever required shall refer the matter to concerned Medical Board to assess such candidates and make recommendations based on which Institution shall take further necessary action. In case any candidate does not fulfill the benchmarks of eligibility as per NMC/DCI guidelines, his/her admission shall be cancelled on his/her own risk and responsibility under intimation to the

The candidate(s) if any found to have concealed any information, his/her selection/admission shall be cancelled abinitio and fine/penalty shall be imposed upon him/her as may be deemed proper by the board in accordance with the laid down rules. The Heads of the Institutions shall keep record of admissions and send the shortfall of the candidates, if any, who have not completed their admission within the prescribed time mentioned above through E-mail viz. coejakbopee@gmail.com & helpdeskiakbopee@gmail.

com on 06.09.2023 at 5:00 p.m. positively along with hard copy duly signed by the Head of the Institution. Further, the Board has rectified the typing error after verifying credentials from the candidate during counseling process mentioned against the category column of one of the candidate namely Batul Fatima with UT Rank 2756 as STK instead of ST mentioned in the updated Merit List as per Notification No.048-BOPEE of 2023 dated 31-07-2023.

The other Terms and Conditions shall remain the same as notified by the Board in the e-Information Brochure and Notifications/Notices issued from time to time in this regard.

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J&K BOPEE

3-day Digi-Mela concludes in Doda

GMK NEWS NETWORK

DODA: In a commendable initiative spearheaded by the UT administration, Digital Week is being celebrated throughout the Doda district with great enthusiasm. The three day Digital Mela aimed to create mass awareness and extend handholding to the users to avail the digital services concluded Saturday at Community Hall Doda.

The primary goal was to acquaint the public with the latest online services available in every Government Departments including the ADBHUD DODA campaign. The event culminated with a grand closing ceremony, led by ADDC Doda, Pran Singh.

The activities under Digital Week 2023 shall continue throughout the district to bring digital services closer to the people. The three-day Digital Mela, which ran from August 31st to September 2nd, 2023, aimed to raise awareness about the significance and benefits of digital services across various government departments.

During this engaging event, students from different schools and colleges, along with the general public, gathered to learn about the digital services offered by the district administration. Government officers and officials from various departments were present to guide people on accessing these digital services with ease.

One striking aspect of the event was the enthusiastic participation of local students and unemployed individuals. both men and women, eager to explore the latest online services offered by the Doda district administration. The stalls were well-equipped with informative booklets that detailed the services provided by each

Jammu, Dr. Shubhra Sharma Saturday distributed Artificial Insemination (AI) kits, Cryo-containers and other associated equipments to newly trained Multipurpose Artificial Insemination Technicians in Rural India (MAITRIs) in a function organized here today at

GMK NEWS NETWORK

JAMMU: Director Animal

Husbandry Department

the Directorate of Animal Husbandry. Speaking on the occasion, the Director said, "To meet the requirement of trained Artificial Insemination technicians in rural areas, the training and induction of MAITRIs has

been undertaken under central scheme Rashtriva Gokul Mission (RGM). Through MAITRIs, timely AI services shall be delivered at farmers' doorsteps thereby vastly benefitting the farming community.' The Director further

stated that MAITRIs are

unemployed educated youth from across the districts of Jammu division and are trained at accredited AI training institutes according to the module developed by Govt. of India. She further said that besides providing boost to the breed improvement in local cattle through AI services, MAI-TRIs shall also gain sustainable self-employment avenues to earn their livelihood by getting honorarium in lieu of discharging prescribed services in their respective areas of work.

chosen from amongst

While giving details about the progress made under this initiative, the Director said that the target for the vear 2023-24 is to train and induct 700 MAITRI workers out of which as on date 356 MAITRIs have been trained and equipped to deliver AI services. Further, 195 candidates are currently undergoing training at AI training institute, Bhatinda, Punjab,

she added.

No. BOPEE/Exam-03/2023 Dated: 02-09-2023

DIPK-NB-2988-23 DT: 02/09/2023

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BUSINESS/TECH

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Lenovo unveils gaming glasses, portal PC handheld device

BERLIN: Global technology brand Lenovo has unveiled Legion Go, the company's first windows gaming handheld device along with a unique, micro-OLED-equipped new Legion Glasses for immersive gaming, as the IFA tech show kicked off here.

Along with the Legion Glasses and new Lenovo Legion E510 7.1 RGB Gaming headphones, the debut of the Lenovo Legion Go is a marked expansion of the Lenovo's ecosystem of gaming devices, monitors, accessories, software and services that empower gamers to immerse themselves in their games.

The new Lenovo Legion Go brings Windows PC gaming power to a handheld mobile form factor, powered by AMD Ryzen Z1 Series processors that bring games to life on its 8.8-inch Lenovo PureSight Gaming Display.

For an immersive gaming experience, the new Lenovo Legion E510 7.1 RGB gaming in-ear seadphones offer hi-res 7.1 surround sound audio with a multifunction inline con-

"As we scan the gaming landscape, we see that gamers are a versatile and varied group, and Lenovo Legion likewise endeavors to provide gamers with



solutions that suit them," said Jun Ouyang, Lenovo's vice president and general manager of the Consumer Business Segment, Intelligent Devices

"With the introduction of the Lenovo Legion Go, we are excited to expand our Lenovo Legion gaming ecosystem with a device that allows gamers to—literally — game on the go," Ouyang added.

Featuring up to an AMD Ryzen Z1 Extreme processor with AMD RNDA Graphics and smart power management technology, the Lenovo Legion Goruns Windows 11.

Capable of up to 500nits

brightness and sporting a 97 per cent DCI-P3 colour gamut, the display is also adjustable to playstyle and situation, supporting resolutions from 1600p to 800p as well as 144Hz and 60Hz refresh rates.

The Legion Go features up to 16GB LPDDR5X (7500Mhz) RAM with power management flexibility that delivers optimal gaming performance and faster loading times depending on the scenario, as well as an up to 1TB PCIe Gen4 SSD and micro-SD slot supporting up to 2TB of extra storage, said

the company. With a 49.2Wh capacity battery, gaming sessions can go longer without needing to recharge. The Lenovo Legion Go also has support for Super Rapid Charge, allowing the battery to recharge up to 70 per cent in just half an

Legion Glasses offer a smarter, private, big screen solution for gaming and

content consumption. Legion Glasses are an advanced wearable virtual monitor with micro-OLED display technology that delivers high colour and contrast range FHD resolution for each eve with a 60Hz refresh rate, emulating the experience and functionality of a large

Corning Inc to set up India's First **Gorilla Glass Manufacturing** edit texts during a video call **Facility in Telangana**



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HYDERABAD: US-based Corning Inc. to set up India's First Gorilla Glass Manufacturing Facility in Telangana and it is first of its kind investment in

The proposed manufacturing facility will manufacture cover glass for market leaders in the

smartphone industry. The proposed investment of INR 934 Crores by Corning along with their nartners will be a strategic investment and will play a pivotal role in driving the smartphone manufacturing ecosystem in Telangana and in India, a release

said here on Friday. The proposed facility in Telangana is expected to generate employment for

over 800 people. Forefront of innovations and are the inventors of Gorilla Glass, Headquartered in New York, Corning Inc. is a Fortune 500 materials science company with expertise in glass science. ceramics science, and optical physics

Telangana Minister for ITE&C and Industries, KT Rama Rao (KTR) met with John Bayne, Senior Vice President, Ravi Kumar, Global Operations Executive, and Sarah Cartmell, Director Government Affairs from Corning Inc. in New York.

On the occasion, KTR said, "Telangana is fast emerging as a hub for electronics manufacturing as a result of the initiatives undertaken by the State in the last 9 years. Several electronics manufacturing companies are increasingly choosing Hyderabad as their destination. Foxconn made a significant investment in the State earlier this year, and now Corning's investment in Telangana will propel a new era of smartphone manufacturing

in Telangana and in India. Principal Secretary (IT and Industries) Jayesh Ranjan, Special Secretary for Investment Promotion & NRI Affairs Vishnu Vardhan Reddy, and Director Electronics Sujai Karampuri were also present during the meeting.

Zoom introduces Notes tool to



IANS

NEW DELHI: Virtual meeting platform Zoom has introduced a feature called Notes that allows users to create, share, and simultaneously edit a text document during the video

Notes allows users to create and share content within a Zoom Meeting and collaborate with others on the call for real-time inputs -- eliminating the distraction of jumping between Zoom and third-party documents and tools.

Users can even continue to work in Notes outside of meetings asynchronously and share them for collaboration anytime, anywhere.

"We wanted to offer a clean user experience that allows users to create agendas and notes while staying within the Zoom platform instead of jumping to other content management tools," said Darin Brown, head of productivity applications at Zoom.

'With Notes, it's seamless to create and share personal and collaborative notes in and out of meet-

ings," he added. One can create a note, build an agenda, and share it with attendees in advance of the meeting and during a meeting, can open a note and share it with others so they can collaborate during the

meeting. After a meeting, a Zoom users can share a note with anyone who may benefit from the content.

Users will be able to easily access existing notes from the in-meeting navigation bar or start a new

note during a meeting. Note creators will have the ability to initiate a sharing session during the meeting to collaborate in real-time, just like Zoom Whiteboard, said the com-

Zoom Notes offers editing tools with extensive formatting options such as font, styling, bullets, colours, and more.

Additionally, users can add images and links to their Notes, and content is auto-saved at regular intervals to preserve work

Top 25 stocks in NSE 500 which gained over 20% in August

NEW DELHI: Brightcom Group is the worst-performing stock in the NSE 500 in the month of August-- down

As per research by BOB Economics Research, Tanla Platforms is down 18.5 percent during the month, Vedanta is down 15.8 percent, Medplus Health Services is down 15.4 percent.

Among the other laggards, TCNS Clothing is down 13.3 percent, Cummins India is down 13.2 percent, Radico Khaitan is down 13 percent, Redington is down 13 percent, Borosil Renewables is down 12.8 percent, Hindustan Petroleum is down 12 percent, Bombay Burmah is down 11.8 percent, Macrotech Developers is down 11.7 percent, TCI Express id down down 10.3 percent.

Among the best performing stocks in August in NSE 500, RattanIndia Enterprises showed a gain of 52 percent, Kalyan Jewellers gained 41 percent, Swan Energy gained 38 percent, Indiabulls Housing Finance gained 38 percent, Cochin Shipyard gained 35 percent, Gland Pharma gained 33 percent, Apar Industries gained 32 percent, Indian Railway Finance Corporation gained 31 percent, BSE gained 31 percent, Suzlon Energy is up 29.6 percent, Archean Chemical is up 28.8 percent, Vaibhav Global is up 28 percent, Solar Indus-

tries is up 27 percent. Among other top gainers, Jindal Worldwide is up 26.6 percent, Linde India is up 26 percent, Supreme Industries is up 25.6 percent, Cera Sanitaryware is up 25.6 percent, Escorts Kubota is up 24.4 percent, Jubilant Ingrevia is up 24 percent, Jubilant Pharmova is up 24 percent, KSB is up 23 percent, Tamilnad Mercantile Bank is up 22.8 percent, BEML is up 22.4 percent, JSW Energy is

up 21.6 percent. Dixon Tech-

nologies is up 21.4 percent. Nifty50 was largely in line with global indices in August, but remains a laggard YTD, the report said. Most major global indices were under pressure during August with Chinese indices among the worst-performing indices. Hang Seng and Shenzhen were down 8 percent and 6.5 percent respectively. S&P500 was down 1.6 percent while Nifty50 was down 2.5 percent. With this correction, the oneyear forward PE multiple for Nifty50 is in line with its 5y average, which implies a

percent YTD, has lagged the double-digit returns of other major indices

Mid & small-caps maintained momentum but most sectoral indices in red. Nifty mid & small cap indices were up -4 percent during August. Nifty IT had a 3 per cent recovery indi cating bottoming out of the sector. The Pharma sector also had a modest recovery given expectation of a milder pricing pressure in generic medicines in USA. That said, weakening INR also played part in the two sectors' recovery. Most other major sectors had negative return over the month though. Mid & Small cap funds continue to see disproportionately higher inflow which has created its own cycle of outperformance and resultant inflow, the report said.

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE DIVISIONAL FOREST OFFICER **SOCIAL FORESTRY DIVISION KUPWARA**

Fresh e- NIT NO: -18 of 2023-24 DATED:- 01 -09-2023

For and on behalf of the Hon'ble President of India, e-tenders (Two cover system) are invited from registered, reputed and resourceful Contractors/Firms registered with Jammu &Kashmir Goyt./Central Goyt. Organizations for the following works: -Name of Work: - Rehabilitation of Degraded Forests by carrying out afforestation by means of Planting of Conifer plants, Broadleaved plants, Fruit plants etc and all other associated operations as per site conditions involving extraction/carriage/lifting of plants from Departmental Nurseries.

Particulars of Work	Adv. cost (Rs. in Lakh)	Bid Security (Rs.)	Class of contractor	Cost of Tender Document	Time of completion
O1. Formation of Nursery by way of leveling ,tractorization , complete soil working upto depth 1'-6" to 2' formation of beds preparation of Burm,s ,water channels & Inspection paths O2. Planting / Raising of Male Poplar cuttings.10000-Nos in prepared beds. O3. 1st Year Maintenance (during 2024-25) from 15th April 2024 to 30th September 2024 of Male Poplar raised saplings/Plants (10000) Nos including watering, Weeding Hoeing, Insecticides /pesticides & application of fertilizer/FYM. (Needs Add. CDR) from successful bidder @25 of maintenance amount. Note: - Poplar Cuttings shall be supplied departmentally. Location of Nursery:- 49/NH (Warsun) Range:- Kupwara Division: - Social Forestry Division	0.960	2880	"C&D"	200	30 Calendar days
2. Planting of saplings in pits of size 45cmx45cmx45cm within the available blanks of identified site including extraction/carriage/lifting of plants from different Nurseries of Department by mechanical transport within a maximum lead of 100 Kms and head load carriage including loading and unloading up to site of work with all operations as per break up: (i) Conifer Plants=500-No.'s, (ii) Broad leaved /Fruit Plants=1800-No.'s (iii) Fodder Patches=4000-No.'s (Including cost of Seed) (iv) Dibbling of HC Nut= 1000-No,s(Including cost of Seed) Note: Plant material shall be supplied departmentally. Area to be treated:- 4.10- Hac. Location:-58/NH Aalasmaidan Phase iii, Range Kupwara	0.918	2754	"DEE" Class PWD Contractor/ Forest Contractor/ JKFDC Contractor	100/=	15 Days Only
3. Planting of saplings in pits of size 45cmx45cmx45cm within the available blanks of identified site including extraction/carriage/lifting of plants from different Nurseries of Department by mechanical transport within a maximum lead of 100 Kms and headload carriage including loading and unloading up to site of work with all operations as per break up: (i) Conifer Plants= 1200-No.'s, (iii) Broad leaved /Fruit Plants=1600-No.'s (iii) Dibbling of HC Nut= 2350-No,s (Including cost of Seed) (iv) Seed Balls= 500-No,s(Including cost of Seed) (Note: Plant material shall be supplied departmentally. Area to be treated: 4.00 -Hac. Location:-49/NH Warsun, Range Kupwara.	0.900	2700	"DEE" Class PWD Contractor/ Forest Contractor/ JKFDC Contractor	100/=	15 Days Only
4. Planting of saplings in pits of size 45cmx45cmx45cm within the available blank of identified pits including extraction/carriage/lifting of plants from different Nurseries of Department by mechanical transport within a maximum lead of 100 Kms and head load carriage including loading and unloading up to site of work with all operations as per break up: (i) Conifer Plants= 3500-No.'s, (iii) Broad leaved Plants=2800-No.'s (iiii) Fruit Plants=1700-No.'s Grand Total=8000-No,s Note: Plant material shall be supplied departmentally. The details of sites with species wise planting requirement are as under:-	2.07	6210	"DEE" Class PWD Con- tractor/ For- est Contrac- tor/JKFDC Contractor	200/=	15 Days Only

	Name of Unit with Location	Species wis	se Planting (in N	Total Plants to be planted	
	Name of offic with Location	NR	Fruit	Conifer	(in Nos)
01.	CO.14/Rajwar Bawan Wattser 2022-23 (RDF)	500	500	500	1500
02.	CO.41/Magam Dachina 2022-23 (RDF)	500	300	700	1500
03.	CO.79/Magam Mugalpora 2022-23 RDF)	600	400	800	1800
04.	CO.28/Karnah Dana Jabdi 2022-23 (RDF)	300	200	500	1000
05.	CO.63/NH Chatt Batpora 2022-23 (RDF)	400	200	600	1200
06.	CO.64/NH Kunnard Batpora 2022-23 (RDF)	500	100	400	1000
	Total (6) sites/locations	2800	1700	3500	8000

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. Position of A/A:- _Received

Position of T/S:- Received

Fosition of Funds:bemanded								
Date of issue of tender:-	31-08- 2023 3:00 PM							
Publishing Date:-	01-09- 2023 from 06:00 PM							
Download Start Date :	01-09- 2023 from 06:00 PM							
Bid submission Start Date:	01-09- 2023 from 06:00 PM							
Bid submission End Date:	08-09- 2023 Up to 03:00 PM							
Date of Opening of Technical Bid through online:	08 -09- 2023 at 04:00 PM in the Office of the Divisional Forest Officer Social Forestry							
Date of Opening of Technical Bid through online.	Division Kupwara							
Date of Opening of Financial Bid through online:	08 -09- 2023 at 04:30 PM in the Office of the Divisional Forest Officer Social Forestry							
Date of Opening of Financial Bid through online.	Division Kupwara							

TERMS & CONDITIONS

DT: 02/09/2023

The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the departmental website: https://jktenders.gov.in. Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website įktenders 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 form 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 CDR 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. 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 CDR, Valid Registration Card issued by PWD/CPWD/ Forest Dept. duly renewed for the current year 2023-24, 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

The Successful bidder must has to produce an affidavit/undertaking from Judicial Magistrate (Court) that the allotted work will be completed within time prescribed in the e-Nit, if fails action under rules will be taken against the defaulter.

The Department will not be responsible for any delay in online submission of the bid due to any reason (technical or otherwise).

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.

The planting & Raising work is of seasonal nature, hence the work will be started from 15th Oct-2023

No.: - Actt. /SFK/ 489-92 Sd/= **Divisional Forest Officer,** Dated: - 31 -08-2023. DIPK-8185-23 Social Forestry Division,

US economy added jobs at robust pace last month

MINNEAPOLIS: The US economy added 187,000 jobs in August, slightly more than expected, according to data released on Friday by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, a media report said.

The monthly job total came in similar to last month's job gains; however, the July total was revised down by 30,000 jobs to 157,000. June was revised down significantly as well, from 185,000 to 105,000, CNN reported.

Economists were expect-

ing total job gains of 170,000, according to Refinitiv, the report said.

The August number is still a slowdown from the past two years of blockbuster job growth, and comes as the Federal Reserve aims to bring down inflation without triggering mass joblessness.

The unemployment rate unexpectedly jumped to 3.8 per cent from 3.5 per cent. It's calmly drifted between 3.4 per cent and 3.7 per cent since March 2022, and economists had projected it would hold steady at 3.5 per cent, CNN reported.

"With 187,000 new jobs added in August 2023 and unemployment at 3.8 per cent, after red-hot postpandemic hiring, we are seeing a slow glide into a cooler labor market this Labor Day weekend,' Becky Frankiewicz, President and Chief Commercial Officer at Manpower-

Group, said in a statement. "With 'pandemic paranoia' about hiring lingering, companies are continuing to hold on to their workers, remembering how hard it was to rehire.'

Driving the increase in unemployment in August, according to the BLS report, was an increase in people who lost their jobs and those who completed temporary jobs. That cohort rose by 294,000 to 2.9 million in August, offsetting a decrease of 280,000 in July. The number of new entrants to the workforce edged higher to 597,000, CNN reported.

The labor force participation rate rose to 62.8 per cent, the highest it's been since the onset of the Covid pandemic.

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

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-

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

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 for-

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



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.

Taiwan Cancels Over

Haikui Approaches

45 Flights As Typhoon

6 Killed In Chile Train-**Minibus Collision**



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



IANS

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 (4.85square 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

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

canceled over 45 domestic stopped ferry traffic in and international flights a number of regions, the due to the approaching newspaper noted. The Central News powerful typhoon Haikui, United Daily News report-Agency reported earlier

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BEIJING: Taiwan has

ed on Saturday, citing the in the day that Typhoon Haikui was 570 kilometers Civil Aeronautics Administration (CAA). (354 miles) east of Cape As of 10:00 a.m. local Eluanbi, the southerntime (02:00 GMT), 18 most point on the island of Taiwan, and was moving domestic flights, 28 international flights and flights west at a speed of 16 kilometers per hour (9.94 miles across the Taiwan Strait per hour).

flights delayed, according

The authorities also

to the CAA data.

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

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

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.

were canceled, as well as 4 9 Soldiers Killed In **Rebel Attack In NW**

Syria: Monitor



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

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India Successfully Orbits Aditya-L1 To Study The Sun

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 study the Sun.

At about 11.50 a.m., the 44.4 metre tall, with a lift-off weight of 321 ton the Polar Satellite Launch Vehicle-C57 (PSLV-C57) rose into the sky breaking free from the second launch pad here at Satish Dhawan Space Centre.

Slowly rising up towards the skies with a thick orange flame at its tail, the rocket gained speed with a sound resembling rolling thunder and went up and up leaving a thick plume while the people assembled at the viewers' gallery cheered and clapped their hands with pride.

Interestingly, this was one of the longest missions for the rocket as well as for Indian Space Research Organisation

About 63 minutes after the lift off, the rocket ejected Aditya-L1 and the whole mission came to an end at about 73 minutes after the passivation of the fourth stage

We have to meet the argument of perigee of the satellite. For that we are following two burn strategies for the fourth stage. After first burn there is a long coasting to achieve the argument of perigee that occurs naturally," Dr S. Unnikrishnan, Director, Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre (VSSC) told IANS about the long flight duration.

The flight plan, included switching off the rocket's fourth stage twice, and allowing it to coast for about 30 minutes - 26 minutes after the first cut off and about 3 minutes after the second cut off.

Put into the low earth orbit (LEO), Aditya-L1's orbit will initially be elliptical. As the spacecraft travels towards Lagrange Point (L1), it will exit the earth's gravitational Sphere of Influence (SOI).

After exit from SOI, the cruise phase will start and subsequently the spacecraft will be injected into a large halo orbit around the L1 -- the point where the gravitational pull of two large bodies - Sun and Earth- will be equal and hence the spacecraft will not gravitate towards any one of the planet.

The total travel time from launch to L1 would take about four months for Aditya-L1 and the distance will be about 1.5 million km from the Earth.

The distance between the Earth and the Moon is about 3,84,000 km.

"A satellite placed in the halo orbit around the L1 point has the major advantage of continuously viewing the Sun without any occultation/ eclipses. This will provide a greater advantage of observing the solar activities and its effect on space weather in real

time," the ISRO said. In its normal configuration



PSLV is a four stage/engine expendable rocket powered by solid and liquid fuels alternatively with six booster motors strapped on to the first stage to give higher thrust during the

initial flight moments. The rocket that flew on Saturday was the XL variant with longer strap-on motors.

Interestingly, the XL variant rocket was used for the first time for India's first interplanetary mission - the Chandrayaan-1 or Moon Mission -1. Later the rocket was used for Chandrayaan-2 and Mars Mission/ Mars Orbiter Mission.

And Saturday's PSLV-XL variant is flying for the 25th time for another interplanetary mission.

The Saturday rocketing comes soon after India landing on the Moon on August 23 with its lander safely landing on the lunar soil in a text book style. Later the rover rolled down and started doing experiments

Be that as it may, the Indian space agency said, the Aditya-L1 spacecraft carries seven payloads to observe the photosphere, chromosphere, and the outermost layers of the Sun (the corona) using electromagnetic and particle and magnetic field detectors.

"Using the special vantage point L1, four payloads directly view the Sun and the remaining three payloads carry out in-situ studies of particles and fields at the Lagrange point L1, thus providing important scientific studies of the propagatory effect of solar dynamics in the interplanetary medium," ISRO

Aditya-L1's seven payloads are expected to provide the most crucial information to understand the problem of coronal heating, coronal mass ejection, pre-flare and flare activities and their characteristics, dynamics of space

weather, propagation of particle and fields and others, the Indian space agency said.

The ISRO said the major science objectives of Aditya-L1 mission are: Study of solar upper atmospheric (chromosphere and corona) dynamics, study of chromospheric and coronal heating, physics of the partially ionised plasma, and initiation of the coronal mass ejections, and flares.

It will also observe the insitu particle and plasma environment providing data for the study of particle dynamics from the Sun.

Other objectives are physics of solar corona and its heating mechanism, the diagnostics of the coronal and coronal loops plasma: Temperature, velocity and density, development, dynamics and origin of Coronal Mass Ejections (CME), to identify the sequence of processes that occur at multiple layers (chromosphere, base and

events, magnetic field topology and magnetic field measurements in the solar corona, and the drivers for space weather (origin, composition and dynamics of solar wind).

According to ISRO, the Sun estimated to be 4.5 billion years old is a hot glowing ball of hydrogen and helium gases and is the source of energy for the solar system.

The gravity of the Sun holds all the objects of the solar system together. At the central region of the sun, known as 'core', the temperature can reach as high as 15 million degree Celsius," it said.

At this temperature, a process called nuclear fusion takes place in the core which powers the Sun. The visible surface of the sun known as photosphere is relatively cool and has a temperature of about 5,500 degree Celsius, the ISRO said.

The Sun is the nearest star and therefore can be studied in much more detail as compared to other stars. By studying the Sun, we can learn much more about stars in our Milky Way as well as about stars in various other galaxies, the ISRO said.

The Sun is a very dynamic star that extends much beyond what we see. It shows several eruptive phenomena and releases immense amounts of energy in the solar system. If such explosive solar phenomena is directed towards the earth, it could cause various types of disturbances in the near earth space environment. communication systems are prone to such disturbances and therefore an early warning of such events is important for taking corrective measures beforehand.

In addition to these, if an astronaut is directly exposed to such explosive phenomena, he/she would be in danger. The various thermal and magnetic phenomena on the sun are of extreme nature.

Thus, the Sun also provides a good natural laboratory to understand those phenomena which cannot be directly studied in the lab.

The Indians space agency said all the seven payloads carried by Aditya-L1 are indigenously developed by different laboratories in the country in close coordination with it. The Visible Emission Line

Coronagraph (VELC) instrument is developed at the Indian Institute of Astrophysics, Bengaluru; Solar Ultraviolet Imaging Telescope (SUIT) instrument at Inter University Centre for Astronomy & Astrophysics, Pune; Aditya Solar wind Particle Experiment (ASPEX) at Physical Research Laboratory, Ahmedabad; Plasma Analyser Package for Aditya (PAPA) at Space Physics Laboratory, Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre, Thiruvananthapuram; Solar Low Energy X-ray Spectrometer (SoLEXS) and High Energy L1 Orbiting X-ray Spectrometer (HEL1OS) payloads at U R Rao Satellite Centre, Bengaluru and the Magnetometer at the Laboratory for Electro Optics Systems, Bengaluru.

-- PM To Visit Indonesia On September 6-7 To Participate In ASEAN-India, East Asia Summit

Gujarat Reports 4,552

Hectare Growth In Coconut

Cultivation In A Decade

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will visit Jakarta, Indonesia for a two-day visit between September 6 and 7 to attend the 20th ASEAN-India Summit and 18th East Asia Summit being hosted by Indonesia as the current Chair of ASEAN.

Modi is visiting Indonesia at the invitation of president Joko Widodo.

The forthcoming ASE-AN-India summit will be the first summit since the

GANDHINAGAR: Guja-

rat holds 25.672 hectares

dedicated to coconut culti-

vation, a notable rise from

21.120 hectares recorded in

2012-13, according to the

latest data by the Depart-

ment of Agriculture. State Director of Hor-

ticulture, P.M. Vaghasia

credits this increase to the

expansion of the coconut

plantation area, yielding

21.42 crore ripe coconuts

Prominent coconut-

producing districts include

Gir-Somnath, Junagadh,

Bhavnagar, Valsad, Kutch,

Navsari, and Devbhoomi

Director of Horticulture.

shared insights on the

state's coconut distribu-

tion. "While 20 percent of

coconuts are produced as

green and 42 percent as

ripe, 5 percent are kept by

Bipinbhai Rathod, Joint

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elevation of India-ASEAN relations to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in 2022, official sources said.

The summit will review the progress of India-ASEAN relations and chart the future direction of co-operation.

The East Asia Summit would provide an opportunity for Leaders of ASEAN countries and its eight dia-logue partners, including India, to exchange views on issues of regional and global significance.

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33 percent of our coconuts

are exported to other states

including Delhi, Punjab, Haryana, and Madhya

Amidst the biennial

coconut production cycle,

the summer season wit-

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in coconut demand. Guja-

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Programme has been ini-

tiated with a budget allo-

cation of Rs. 403.30 lakh,

aiming to advance the

state's coconut cultivation

encouraged to join the

coconut bandwagon. The

Gujarat Coconut Develop-

ment Programme offers a 75

percent subsidy on planta-

tion costs and further finan-

cial support for integrated

nutrition and pest manage-

ment. It has 4,000 benefi-

ciaries already benefitting

from the board's schemes.

Farmers, too, are being

Pradesh.

further.

PM Modi Congratulates ISRO On Successful Launch Of **India's Solar Mission**



IANS

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Saturday congratulated the scientists at ISRO for the successful launch of India's solar mission Aditya-L1, saying the tireless scientific efforts will continue in order to develop better understanding of the Universe for the welfare of entire humanity.

"After the success of Chandrayaan-3, India continues its space

journey. Congratulations to our scientists and engineers at ISRO for the successful launch of India's first Solar Mission, Aditya -L1," the Prime Minister posted in X, formerly known as Twitter.

"Our tireless scientific efforts will continue in order to develop a better understanding of the Universe for the welfare of humanity." he said.

The remarks from the Prime Minister came after India launched its first mission to the

Sun this morning, just days after becoming the first country in history to achieve a soft landing of a spacecraft on the Moon's uncharted south pole.

The Aditya-L1 spacecraft is an unmanned observation satellite that Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) wants to use to monitor the Sun's activities. and learn more about how these impact space weather phenomena such as solar storms.

Shah, Rajnath Congratulate ISRO For Successful Launch Aditya-L1

NEW DELHI: Union Ministers Amit Shah, Rajnath Singh, Rajeev Chandrasekhar on Saturday hailed the scientists at the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) for successful launch of India's first solar mission Aditya-L1.

The ISRO on Saturday launched the country's ambitious solar mission Aditya L1, eyeing history again after its successful lunar expedition, Chandrayan-3, a few Congratulating the scientists,

Shah in a tweet said, "Time and again our scientists have proved their might and brilliance. The nation is proud and delighted over the successful launch of Aditya L1, India's first solar mission. Kudos to the team ISRO for this unparalleled accomplishment. It is a giant stride towards fulfilling Prime Minister Narendra Modi Ji's vision of an Atmanirbhar Bharat in the space sector, during the Amrit Kaal.

Singh, who is the Defence Minister, in a series of tweets said, "It



is a historic 'Sun Day' on Saturday for 1.4 billion Indians. Today, Aditya-L1, India's maiden solar mission has been successfully launched by ISRO.

The Defence Minister said that after the super success of Mission Chandrayaan3 and Mangalyaan, India is now heading towards the Sun.

"This successful launch is a massive milestone towards self-reliance in interplanetary space exploration. We are proud of our scientists. I congratulate the entire team of ISRO scientists led by Chairman S. Somnath on the successful launch of Aditya-L1," the Minister said.

He also hailed the leadership of the Prime Minister and said, "Our

Prime Minister Narendra Modi has also played a pivotal role in taking India's space programme to higher heights. His inspiring guidance has helped Team ISRO to strive for greater goals and achievements," Singh added.

Minister of State for Electronics and Technology, Chandrasekhar said, "Congratulating ISRO for the successful launch of PSLV C57/ Aditya-L1, at the Satish Dhawan Space Centre, Sriharikota. It is the first space-based Indian observatory to study the Sun, another milestone for New India's space exploration journey."

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Telangana BJP Urges **Govt To Disburse Rs 35** Cr In Outstanding Milk **Incentives To Farmers**

HYDERABAD: Gujjula Premander Reddy, Telangana BJP General Secretary and State Kishan Morch incharge, has demanded that the state government promptly settle the outstanding milk incentive dues totaling Rs

In a statement issued on Saturday, Reddy highlighted the challenges faced by milk-producing farmers in the state. He expressed disappointment that the state government has withheld the promised incentive of Rs 4 per litre for several months, causing undue hardship to the farmers.

Reddy emphasised that the state government owes approximately Rs 35 crore to these milk-producing farmers, and the BJP is staunchly advocating for the immediate release of

these pending payments. He pointed out that farmers require increased support, especially as the costs of milk production continue to rise due to factors such as animal feed expenses. The BJP is advocating for an enhanced



for milk-producing farmers in the state. Furthermore, Reddy affirmed that the Bharatiya Janata Party is committed to delivering this increased incentive of Rs 6

per litre to milk-producing

farmers once it assumes power in the state. Reddy also noted that the state government has failed to disburse an incentive of Rs 10,000 to farmers, and the BJP is demanding the immediate release of

these funds. He underscored the central government's efforts to promote the White Revolution, which include providing incentives and funds to support milk producers. Reddy criticised the state government for its perceived injustice towards farmers and warned that this issue could escalate into protests if not addressed promptly.

Marriage Ceremony Of Minor Boys Performed For Rains In K'taka

IANS

BENGALURU: Amid the threat of drought looming large over Karnataka, the people are resorting to various beliefs and performing special worships praying to the rain God for showers.

Many incidents of ceremonies of conducting marriages of minor boys invoking rain Gods have come to light in the surrounding districts of Bengaluru in Karnataka.

The tradition of marriage of minor boys is largely found in Bengaluru Rural, Chikkaballapur and Kolar districts. The villagers of Hirekattigehalli in Chintamani taluk performed marriage of minor boys and Mogalakuppe village in Chik-

kaballapur taluk and district. Entire population of villages assembled and participated in the marriage of minor boys. The class five male students were chosen for the job and they were made to dress as bride and bridegroom.

All rituals, including tying knots with Mangalasutra were performed. The people attended the marriage ritual by inviting rain gods to bless them and performed aarti. They were also gifted with money.

The boys returned to their normal lives after the ceremony. The incidents were reported on Thursday and Wednesday, Coincidentally, the surrounding districts including Bengaluru city have been receiving showers for the last three days.

The farmers worried that the entire crop would get destroyed as the Monsoon failed, now hopeful that they could get at least staple ragi crop.

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

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 and 3rd positions. 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 posi-

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

In Basketball (Men), Government College of Physical Education Gadoora Ganderbal got 1st, while Government Degree College Baramulla and Government Degree College Ganderbal $\operatorname{got} 2nd$ and $\operatorname{3rd} \operatorname{positions}.$ 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.

the T-20 cricket format

remains the most popu-

lar among Indian sports

enthusiasts as around

45.1% identify T-20 as their

favourite format while

the Five-Day Test match

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 perfor-

mance of these players in

the International cricket

India's Javelin superstar

Neeraj Chopra, most of

the respondents (69.6%)

residing in urban areas are

highly familiar with him.

spite of being sports enthu-

siasts, majority of the

respondents are unaware

about Parul Chaudhary,

who was recently in news

for her remarkable perfor-

mance in the World Athlet-

ics Championship in Buda-

pest, Hungary and also for

her new national record.

The survey shows that in

When asked about

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format least popular.

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 Ganderhal 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 Akhoon conducted proceedings of the glittering valedictory ceremony of the

festival. The event witnessed other dignitaries of the Department of YS&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 actionpacked 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 Dangiwacha, 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 run-

ners-up teams were hon ored 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



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

Happy homecoming for the Javelin star of **Odisha Kishore Jena**



IANS

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

The Sports Director,

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 thus making an impres sion amongst the athletics

they too can reach the pinnacles of success on the global stage, shared Sports

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



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

top five in the finals there

baneswar to the world stage has been nothing

has pledged unwavering support to Kishore's continued journey towards excellence in the world of athletics."

Director, Das.



fraternity of India. His journey from the Sports Hostel in Bhu-

short of inspiring, and his achievements resonate with the dreams and aspirations of countless young athletes across the nation. "The State Government

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,

US leads four teams into FIBA World Cup quarterfinals

IANS

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

to lead five Americans in double digits, while Nikola Vucevic finished with a game-high 18 points and 16 rebounds for Montenegro, who outrebounded 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

points and three rebounds 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 quarter 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

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600 Transit Accommodations to come-up for PM package employees in Kulgam'

UMAISAR GULL GANIE

KULGAM: Around 600 transit accommodation flats are being constructed by the district administration in South Kashmir's Kulgam, officials said on

An official said that the construction work of transit accommodation at Vessu, Mirhama and Chowgam villages of Kulgam district is in full swing.

"13 blocks having 208 flats are being built at Vessu Qazigund, 12 blocks with 192 flats each at Nihama and Chowgam,' the official said.

"In Mirhama, the estimated cost for the project is Rs 22.95 crore, while cost



for the project at Chowgam is Rs 22.89 crore. At Vessu, the estimated cost of project is Rs 64.62 crore," he

He said they have involved R&B and JKPCC as executive agencies for the three projects.

"Some of the construction is already completed, and the rest of the construction work will be completed in the next few months," official said.

He said these flats are coming up for the Kashmiri Pandits working under the Prime Minister's Reconstruction Plan (PMRP).

'These accommodations are for the security and protection of Kashmiri Pandits," he said.

"We applaud the administration for taking this step. I believe that the construction work will be completed at earliest. We have high expectations from the administration," Vijay Raina, Sarpanch Chowgam said.

He said the construction of these transit accommodations is a significant step towards the rehabilitation of Kashmiri Pandits in the Valley—(KNO)

CIVILIAN KILLINGS

NIA Arrests Two For Harbouring Terrorists

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) has arrested two persons for harbouring the terrorists, who had killed five civilians in Dhangri village of district Rajouri of Jammu and Kashmir in January this year.

"The duo, Nisar Ahmed @ Haji Nisar and Mushtaq Hussain, were formally arrested by the NIA on Thursday in the case (RC-01/2023/NIA/ JMU)," a spokesman said in a statement.

They were produced before the NIA Special Court, Jammu on Friday and were sent to 12 days NIA custody. Incidentally. both the accused were already lodged in Central Jail, Kot Bhalwal, Jammu in another case, registered at Police Station Gursai, Mendhar, District Poonch, it added.



" On 1st January, 2023, five persons were killed and others seriously injured in an attack by unknown terrorists. The case was initially registered as FIR number 01/2023 at PS Rajouri under section 302/ 307 /120-B/452/323 of IPC; Sections 13/16/18 of UA (P) Act 1967 and Sections 7/27 of Arms Act. NIA had taken over and re-regis-

tered the case on 13th Janu-

ary," the statement added.
"Investigations by the NIA revealed that both the arrested accused persons were involved in harbouring the terrorists who had carried out the shocking killings of the civilians. They had provided logistics support to the terrorists for more than two months and had shel-

tered them in a hideout which was constructed by the arrested accused persons on the directions of Pakistan-based Lashkare-Taiyaba (LeT) handlers namely Saifullah @ Sajid Jutt, Abu Qatal @ Qatal Sindhi and Mohd. Qasim,' the statement said.

During the course of investigations of the case pertaining to the killing of innocent civilians at Dhangri, District Rajouri, a team of NIA officials camped for quite some time in the hilly terrain of Rajouri, Poonch, and Reasi districts of J&K and examined a large number of suspicious entities and later zeroed in on the above mentioned accused persons who had provided the hideout, it added.

Further investigations of the case continue to be under process, the spokesman said

People suffer in absence of facilities at NTPHC Nagri in Kupwara

AGENCIES

KUPWARA: Residents of Nagri and its adjacent areas in Kupwara Saturday said that they are suffering in absence of the proper medical facilities at NTPHC.

The lone New Type Primary Health Centre (NTPHC) at Nagri residents said it is catering to a population of close to 2000 souls.

The aggrieved residents said that they have approached authorities multiple times to upgrade the facilities at NTPHC with other diagnostics services as well.

They said that the close to dozen villages are dependent on the lone health centre in the area. "It doesn't function round the clock. It must be made functional as per the requirements in the area, they said.

Ashiq Ahmad, a local

while complaining about the lack of facilities, said that each time there is a medical emergency, patients are shifted to

Handwara or Kupwara. He said that the time has always proven detrimental for locals.

Abdul Ahad another local said that night sight quarters have already been constructed for doctors. 'We fail to understand as to why the authorities are taking this long to approve round clock functioning of healthcare. People are very hopeful of the medical authority to make it happen as early as possible," Ahad said.

The residents are also anguished for lack of diagnostic facilities. They said that for even a small test they have to visit Kupwara or Handwara to carry out

Another local, while expressing his anguish said that the health centre despite being upgraded to NTPHC level lacks X-ary plant thus causing people to suffer. "Even for an X-ray and other diagnostic tests our patients are made to go to Kupwara and Handwara. We are evn forced to approach the private diagnostics for tests, they charge a hefty amount and even times the reports are compromised," Jaleel

Ahmad, a local said. The residents also complained about the non-availability of dental surgeons. 'We want health capabilities to be upgraded here. People are dependent on this sole health centre. We have approached the authorities multiple times. Difficulties faced by people must be eased at an earliest so that no patient has to suffer in times to come," they said.

They requested the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu and Kashmir and the health authorities to look into the matter—(KNO)

DIGITAL WEEK

ADDC Kupwara chairs Digital Literacy Camp at GDC Sogam

GMK NEWS NETWORK

KUPWARA: The Digital Week campaign continued on 3rd day across district Kupwara featuring informative Stalls, Awareness Camps, Digi Vans, Mega Rallies and live demonstrations of e-governance platforms aimed at enhancing digital literacy among the people.

On the directions of Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, ADDC Kupwara, Altaf Ahmad Khan visited Government Degree College Sogam and took part in the Digital Week activities.

The ADDC inspected various stalls of the departments including ICDS, Revenue, ITI, CSC, Bank, JJM, Animal Husbandry, Education, Horticulture, Treasury, Food department and got detailed feedback from the officers and representatives about the progress of enrollment of beneficiaries.

Khan also presided over an awareness camp in the GDC. Addressing the participants especially students, he asked them to get proper awareness of the online applications required for availing different Government schemes adding that the students are the responsible citizens of tomorrow. He also asked the students to become ambassadors and spread digital awareness

among the people. The ADDC appealed the people to take maximum benefit of the ongoing Digital Week

Vice Principal GDC Sogam; Tehsildar Sogam, Faculty Members and other concerned spoke and highlighted the importance of Digital Week campaign.

Earlier, the ADDC inspected stalls of various departments in the lawns of D. C office Kupwara.

SDM Karnah, Dr. Gulzar Ahmad Rather presided over the Digital Week camp at GDC Kandi Tangdar during which he inspected the stalls of the departments and got feedback from the officers

President MC Langate, Shahnawaz Abdullah presided over the Digital Week Camp at BHSS Langate during which awareness about digital services was given to the participants. CEO Kupwara, Abdul Hamid Fani, Dy. CEO, besides, officers from line departments attended the camp.

At Handwara, line departments had installed their stalls to give awareness to the participants for availing e-services of Government

Meanwhile, Digital Week was celebrated across district Kupwara including Panchayats during which line departments showcased their online schemes to the people and enrolled the ben-

Bashir said those having

quality fruit this year will

earn handsome amounts as

ture department acknowl-

edged that the inclement

weather and scab outbreak

significantly affected the

production and quality

of apples. They said they

would come to know about

the exact decline of the

crop after the completion

Pertinently, Kashmir

of the harvesting process

on average produces over

20 lakh metric tonnes of apples every year, a figure

that in some years touches

The 2017 economic

survey in J&K said that

half of Kashmir's popula-

tion is directly or indirectly

dependent on the apple

industry and over 3.5 lakh

through horticulture in

"Community members are

requested to come forward with

any information regarding drug

peddling in their neighbourhood.

J&K every year—(KNO)

25 lakh metric tonnes.

Officials in the horticul-

its demand is good.

Amit Shah releases list of Congress govt's 'scams'



BHOPAL: Home Minister Amit Shah on Saturday accused the Congress led Chhattisgarh government of 'indulging in huge corruption'.

He alleged that the Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel has made the state an 'ATM of Gandhi Family'.

Shah made these remarks while addressing a poll rally in the state capital Raipur. Before launching a scathing attack on the ruling Congress in Chhattisgarh, Shah along with state BJP unit released 'Arop Patra' against the state government led by Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel.

During his address, Shah listed out alleged scams related to coal, liquor, online betting being probed by central agencies in the state, and asserted that BJP can save Chhattisgarh from the Congress' scams, atrocities and misrule.

Referring to the money laundering case related to an alleged illegal betting app 'Mahadev Online Book', Shah said, "People of Chhattisgarh have to decide whether they want the Bhupesh Baghel government, which has committed corruption to the tune of thousands of crore or BJP government that paves the way for development.' He said that the people

of Chhattisgarh have to decide whether they want the Baghel government that talks about protecting the rights of tribals even as religious conversions flourish under it or the BJP government which protects and preserve tribals and their culture.

"Bhupesh Baghel-led Chhattisgarh government has broken all records of corruption. If BJP is elected to power, those who indulged in corruption will be hung upside down and will be brought in order, Shah added.

He expressed confidence that Prime Minister Narendra Modi-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government will be elected to power again, and said the BJP will form a government with full majority in Chhattisgarh prior to that.

"I promise to the people of Chhattisgarh that if BJP is elected to power, every house will have access to clean water supply within two years," he added

Awareness programme on Women Hygiene held at Lalmandi

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: The Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhury Mohammad Iqbal Saturday presided over an awareness programme on 'Women Hygiene and Health' at Agriculture Complex Lalmandi Srinagar.

The day long programme was organised by UN member Biotech Research group named 'TIENS International" in collaboration with Agriculture and Farmer Welfare department Kashmir.

In his presidential address Chowdhury Igbal said that the department has professional obligation to hold sensitisation programme to highlight the importance of women health and hygiene for the larger welfare of the society. He said poor hygiene impact all types of health including physical and mental health. Director said that

department is committed to provide its complete support to such important societal programmes. He asked the officers to ensure that all the possible steps are taken to make the depart ment gender friendly in all respects.

Asifa Nabi Asstt. Bio-Chemist, Dr. Anjum Rashid Floriculturist and Sabina Khan Associate Law Officer also shared their views on the importance of awareness programme related to women's health and hygiene.

In her welcome address, Sheeba Mehraj Coordinator for the programme gave an overview of the awareness programme and the objectives that it aims to achieve.

All the women Officers, officials of the directorate of agriculture participated in the awareness programme.

Apple growers worried over less production, small fruit size this year less production along with less quality fruit," he said.

REHAN QAYOOM MIR

demands justice

Sopore Footpath Union

protests against admin,

SRINAGAR: The Sopore Footpath Union held a protest against Sopore administration on Saturday, alleging that the administration is not paying attention to their grievances and is making them run from pillar to post

They claimed they are not being allowed to come up with their stalls in the market.

The aggrieved protestors gathered in Srinagar's press enclave while wearing shrouds and raised slogans against Sopore

administration. "The administration is doing injustice to us, not permitting us to sit anywhere in the market," said Mohammad Amin Malla, President Sopore Footpath Union.

"We are suffering greatly, and we would like to ask the administration to let us continue our business in the already designated places until they relocate us. We have taken loans. and if they do not allow us to sell our grocery items in these places, where can we earn, and what will we go?" he added.

"We have been suffering for the last 18 days, and we would like to request the authorities to take action in this regard; otherwise, we will have to take to the streets."—(KNO)

CS I&C assesses progress on implementation of IDS 2017

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: Commissioner Secretary, Industries and Commerce (I&C). Vikramjit Singh Saturday chaired a review meeting at the Sanat Ghar, Bemina here to assess the progress on implementation and impact of key industrial initiatives, including the Industrial Development Scheme (IDS) 2017 and the New Central Sector Scheme (NCSS) 2021, within the region.

During the meeting. detailed discussions revolved around the department's achievements, challenges, and future prospects. Additionally, district-level performances were closely

scrutinized during the session to identify areas for improvement and tailor strategies in alignment with the government's vision for industrial growth and employment generation. Addressing the offi-

cers, Commissioner Secretary emphasized on the department's unwavering commitment to creating a conducive environment for industrial development in Jammu and Kashmir. He remarked that enhancing ease of doing business, extending support to local entrepreneurs, and ultimately contributing to the economic prosperity of the region are the prime objectives of the department under these schemes.

JAHANGEER GANAIE

SRINAGAR: The inclement weather in spring months coupled with outbreak diseases have badly affected the apple production in Kashmir, the distressed growers said.

The apple growers from various areas of the valley said that those associated with traditional Kulu and other delicious varieties are "very much" distressed as they have "very little" production. The size of the fruit is also small which is worrying, they added.

Mohammad Yousuf, an apple grower from Shopian, told KNO that they had around 1,000 boxes of apples last year and this year, it would hardly be around 400 to 500. Despite having less production, the size of apples is also small, he said.

Usually, whenever there are fewer fruits on the tree, its size remains big but this year, the situation is different as there is less production as well as small size, Yousuf lamented.

grower Another Mohammad Abbas said



that during the spring season, the initial stage of apples, there were incessant rains and plants didn't get the required sunlight for photosynthesis. This resulted in less production and there was premature fruit, he said.

Later, the untimely rains in July led to the outbreak of the scab disease, which affected the quality of apples further, Abbas said. However, the hot climate in the last two months has helped to a great extent in the growth of apples, he

The growers said the trees were supplied with all nutritional supplements and even some plant

He said that due to fluc-

growth regulators (PGRs) but that didn't yield the desired results. A good percentage of fruit on many trees didn't reach full size which is worrisome, they

Chairman of the Kashmir Valley Fruit Growers Cum Dealers Union, Bashir Ahmad Basheer said that though there is a good demand for apples, the production is less.

tuations in weather, the fruit set, production, quality and size of the fruit have been affected. "This year as of now, the government has ensured hassle-free movement of apple-laden trucks; but the only issue is

hectares are under apple cultivation. Horticulture is an essential contributor to SGDP with a share of about 9.5 percent. Besides, 8.50 crore man-days are generated

2 drug peddlers arrested in Kulgam: Police

GMK NEWS NETWORK

SRINAGAR: Jammu & Kashmir police on Saturday said to have arrested two drug peddlers in Kulgam and recovered contraband substance from their pos-

A police party led by Incharge Police Post Mirbazar at a specific checkpoint established at Malpora Chowk intercepted a vehicle (Tata Mobile) bearing registra-

tion number JK02-2950 with two persons on board, a police spokesman said in a statement issued. During the search, officers

were able to recover 10Kgs of Poppy Straw like contraband substance from the said vehicle. police said and identified them as Abdul Qayoom Gojree son of Mohd Masheer Goiree resident of Pawan-Pur Bidda, Reasi and Showkat Ali Malik son of Mohd Shafi Malik resident of Daman, Kathua.

"They have been arrested and shifted to police station where they remain in custody. Vehicle used in commission of crime have also been seized," police said.

Persons found indulging in drug peddling will be dealt as per law. In this regard, police said Our consistent actions against that a case under FIR number drug peddlers should reassure 188/2023 under relevant secthe community members that tions of law has been registered we are making efforts to keep in Police Station Qazigund and our society free from the scourge further investigation has been of drug menace," police said.

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