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NEWS IN BRIEF

Man dies after hit by moving train in Srinagar

Srinagar, 23-Feb: An elderly man died after being hit by a moving train on Budgam-Srinagar track on Thursday. Officials confirmed that the man was hit by the train number 04614 this morning resulting in injuries to him. He was immediately shifted to a nearby hospital for treatment, where he succumbed. The deceased was identified as Sanaullah Bhat son of Abdul Ahad Bhat, a resident of Lajoora Pulwama. Meanwhile, Police has registered a case in this regard and further investigations set into motion. (CNS)

Residential houses, shops damaged as landslide hit Kulgam

Srinagar, Feb 23 (UNI) Two residential houses and some shops were damaged when a landslide hit Jammu and Kashmir Kulgam district on Thursday, officials said. The landslide occurred at Shalmachi Yarikhah in Noorabad, causing damage to two residential houses and three shops, Tehsildar D H Pora Rafi Ahmad Lone told UNI. He said the landslides also closed the Nandimarg-D H Pora road and measures are underway to clear the debris to make it traffic worthy. The affected families have been shifted to safer places and provided with necessary relief, he added. He said the district administration Kulgam is monitoring the situation.

Rajdhani halt extended at Kathua Station: Official

Jammu, Feb 23 (UNI) In order to facilitate smooth journey of passengers and to provide service at their doorsteps, the stoppage duration of Rajdhani train has been further extended at Kathua Railway Station. "The Rajdhani (12425/26) stoppage at Kathua which was previously continuing just on experimental basis for a limited basis, has now been extended till further advice," Uchit Singhal, Station Director Jammu here said on Thursday. He said, "this will enable people from in and around Kathua region to board and deboard the premium service of Rajdhani trains to and from the National Capital."

JKDMA issues avalanche warning in 4 districts

Srinagar, Feb 23 (UNI) Authorities have issued a low danger avalanche warning in four districts of Kashmir valley on Thursday, officials said. The Jammu and Kashmir Disaster Management Authorities (DMA) have issued a "low danger" level avalanche warning for the people living 2500 to 2700 metres above sea level in districts of Bandipora, Baramulla and Kupwara in north Kashmir and in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district in the next 24 hours. People living in these areas are advised to take precautions and avoid venturing in the avalanche prone areas till further orders, a statement of the JKDMA said.

Four injured as passenger vehicle skids off road in Bandipora

Srinagar, Feb 23 (KS) : At least four persons were injured in a road accident in Gundjahangeer area of Bandipora on Thursday. An official told The Kashmir Scroll that a passenger Vehicle 407 bearing reg no Jk05B 1378 coming from Sopore to Hajin skidded off the road sat Gundjahangeer Bandipora. In the incident four persons were injured, he said, adding that injured have been shifted to hospital for treatment. Police has taken cognizance and started investigation. (KS)

Man injured in mysterious blast in Sopore village,

Sopore, Feb 23 (): A man was injured in a mysterious blast in Warpora area of Sopore in north Kashmir's Baramulla district on Thursday. An official told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that the man was digging earth at his orchard in Warpora when the blast took place. He said that the man was injured in the incident and was immediately shifted to a nearby health facility, where from he was referred to Srinagar. The man has been identified as Mohammad Jamal Dar son of Ghulam Mohammad Dar of Warpora—An official told the news agency—Kashmir News Observer that the man was digging earth at his orchard in Warpora when the blast took place. He said that the man was injured in the incident

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No Property Tax for owners of Small Houses, Meager Tax for Small Business Owners : UT Administration

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JAMMU, FEBRUARY 23: In a meeting chaired by the Chief Secretary to deliberate upon misinformation created regarding property tax in Jammu and Kashmir, it was clarified that all the poor, marginalized having small houses having built-up area up to 1000 square feet have been exempted by the government from paying any property tax to be levied from April onwards this year. The meeting was attended by Additional Chief Secretary, Home; Principal Secretary, H&UDD; ADGP Jammu/Kashmir; Deputy Commissioners; SSPs; Commissioners of Jammu and Srinagar Municipal Corporations and other

concerned officers. It was informed that levy of property tax is essential part of urban sector reforms. Jammu and Kashmir is one of the last States/UTs to levy property tax and non-imposition of the tax was depriving local bodies to become self sustaining. Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) are required to render multiple civic services in their jurisdiction and need resources. The levy of this tax will improve the financial health of these institutions and improve services, besides creating employment. While explaining the methodology of levying this tax in the UT, the Principal Secretary, H&UDD, Rajesh Prasad stated that there is no tax liability for those having



built-up area of their houses less than 1000 sft besides the proportion of taxes is considerably lesser here than that levied in other parts of the country. Similarly, all places of worship, including Temples, Masjids, Gurudwaras, Churches, Ziarats, Cremation grounds, Burial grounds etc are exempt from

payment of property tax. It was further informed that the Tax is proposed to be levied at just 5% of Taxable Annual Value (TAV) of the property in case of a residential property and at 6% of TAV in case of Non-Residential property. It was also apprised that the tax rates, even in the Corporations are one of the lowest in the country, almost half that of Himachal, and one fourth to one sixth, overall, of other progressive States like Gujarat Maharashtra, Karnataka and Delhi. Tax to be paid in Municipal Committees shall be much lower than that of Municipal Corporations. There is no property tax in rural areas. Besides the property tax is to be

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Halt imposition of property tax till economic conditions improves in J&K: Azad

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Srinagar, Feb 23: Democratic Progressive Azad Party president Gulam Nabi Azad on Thursday said that the government should halt imposition of property tax for a few years till economic situation improve in the Union Territory. Talking to reporters in Anantnag, Azad said as of now people are not in a position to pay the property tax and there is no person from Lakhnau to Tangdhar who has not suffered losses during recent years. He said people of J&K have suffered a lot in the last 30 years and property tax is imposed at a time



when they are being snatched of their land and resources. "People have no source of income. People do not have any problem in paying tax, but there

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Night temperatures drop below normal in twin capitals, MeT says weather to remain dry in J&K

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Srinagar, Feb 23: The minimum temperature dropped below normal in twin capitals and Pahalgam on Thursday even as the weather department forecast mainly clear to partly cloudy weather at most places in the next few days in Jammu and Kashmir. Quoting a meteorological department official here, GNS reported that Srinagar recorded a low of 0.6°C against the previous night's 3.7°C. Today's minimum temperature, he said, was 'below' normal by 0.3°C for the summer capital.

Qazigund, he said, recorded a low of 0.0°C against minus 0.2°C on the previous night and it was 0.1°C above normal for the gateway town of Kashmir. Pahalgam, he said, recorded a low of minus 4.4°C against minus 3.7°C on the previous night and it was 0.4°C 'below' normal for the famous tourist resort in south Kashmir's Anantnag district. Kokernag recorded a low of 2.1°C against 1.2°C on the previous night and it was 2.8°C above normal for the place, the officials said.

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Div Com Kashmir reviews arrangements for SANJY-2023

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SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 23: The Divisional Commissioner (Div Com) Kashmir, Vijay Kumar Bidhuri on Thursday convened a meeting of Officers to make arrangements for annual Shri Amarnath Ji Yatra, (SANJY) 2023 to facilitate yatries who are visiting Holy Cave this year. The meeting was attended by DCs & SSPs of Srinagar, Ganderbal, Anantnag and Bandipora besides Directors of Tourism, Health, FCS&CA and Officers of different departments including R&B, PHE, PDD, Sonmarg Development Authority, Pahalgam Development Authority, Information, RDD and ULB. Addressing the meeting, Div Com directed Deputy Labour



Commissioner to initiate the process of registration of service providers including Pony-walas, Pithuwalas, labours and other service providers. He also instructed concerned officers of

the Animal Husbandry Department to initiate the simultaneous process of registration of animals including ponies and horses. Div Com also instructed regis-

tration of service providers and yatries with RFID cards to keep track of all the participants and pilgrims for instant communications and directions. Regarding disposal of dead animals, he directed for creation of dedicated teams who shall dispose of dead animals. He also issued separate directions for making arrangements for accommodation, health facility, firewood, ration, kerosene to concerned officers. Div Com further instructed for identification of safe areas for positioning of tents at base camps and near Holy Cave. He directed for capacity augmentation of camps to accommodate additional yatries during the period when yatra is halted due to bad weather.

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War against Drugs continues... Police arrests 09 drug peddlers across Kashmir

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Srinagar February 23: Continuing its efforts to eradicate the menace of drugs from the society, Police in a series of actions have arrested nine (09) drug peddlers across Kashmir valley and recovered huge quantity of contraband substances from their possession. In Baramulla, a police party of PS Kunzer during patrolling at Lalpora Kunzer, arrested two drug peddlers identified as Shahid Ahmad Wani son of Abdul Gani & Sameer Ahmad Rather son of Gh Mohammed Rather, both residents of Lalpora Kunzer. During search, 108 grams of charas was recovered from their possession. In another action, a police party of PS Baramulla at a checkpoint established at Dewanbagh Baramulla, arrested two drug peddlers identified as Shaib Showkat Mir son of Showkat Ahmad resident of Gousia Colony Azadgunj & Saqib Ibrahim Pir son of Mohd Ibrahim resident of Ladoora Rafiabad. During search, 215 grams of charas was recovered from their possession. In Anantnag, a police party of PS Anantnag at a checkpoint established at Sarnal Bala Anantnag intercepted a vehicle bearing registration number JK18A-4445

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Will roll back all anti-people orders when NC comes to power : Dr Farooq

Chairs Provincial Committee Meeting at Nawa-e-Subha

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Srinagar, Feb 23 (UNI) Former chief minister and Member of Parliament Farooq Abdullah on Thursday said that when the National Conference comes to power, it will roll back all the "anti-people steps." The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference President Abdullah made these comments while chairing a provincial committee meeting

at the party headquarters Nawa-e-Subha, Srinagar. Party Vice President Omar Abdullah was also present on the occasion. During the breadth of the meeting the functionaries highlighted the contemporary public and party issues, including the inflation, unemployment, rampant demolition drive, and imposition of the property tax, a party statement said. The committee members also gave their estimation of the prevailing ground situation with regards to the deteriorating security situation, development deficit and the rising tide of

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Glass igloos draw huge rush in Gulmarg

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Srinagar, Feb 23 Glass Igloos in the middle of snow Gulmarg has become a major attraction for visitors. The glass igloos made by Kolahoi Green Heights hotel of Gulmarg are being visited by hundreds of locals and tourists every day. They enjoy lunch, tea and love to take selfies. Ishfaq Ahmad, an assistant Manager at the hotel told news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO) that they had made snow igloos in the last two years but it was taking time in making it but this year snowfall was late and there wasn't so much left to make snow igloo. "We are always trying to bring new concepts to Gulmarg to promote winter tourism, and this year we have launched an igloo glass concept for a restaurant that is a major tourist attraction currently," he said.

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Apni Party bridging, bonding people of Jammu and Valley: Altaf Bukhari

Says stopping demolition drive is a welcome step

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Jammu, Feb 23: Apni Party President Syed Mohammad Altaf Bukhari Thursday said that J&K's sensitive matters and important public issues should be left for an elected Govt to deal with through democratic means. He said, "I wonder why the Administration is hell-bent to settle everything at once. Important public issues and sensitive matters should be left for the government that will come up with a public mandate in the forthcoming elections here," a press note



said. He was speaking to reporters in Jammu after a party event, which was organized to greet a prominent political activist and NC's former Provincial Secretary Sheikh Mohammad Shafi into the party fold. Sheik joined the Apni Party along with his workers and

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School Edu Deptt orders completion of classes 1st to 7th, 9th exams by March-20

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Srinagar, Feb 23: In order to commence with new classwork, School Education Department Thursday ordered completion of examinations of Classes 1st to 7th and 9th till March-20. According to the news agency—Kashmir News Observer (KNO), Director of School Education Kashmir (DSEK) said this in a communique to Chief Education Officers and Principal of all DIETs. The official said, "The examinations of Classes 1st to 7th and 9th are school based as per the guidelines formulated by SCERT J&K and in this regard students are quite well prepared and waiting for the conduct of the examinations as per

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Union Minister inaugurates mega job fair, awareness programme at Udhampur Holds interactive session with PRIs, officers regarding development issues, concerns

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UDHAMPUR, FEBRUARY-23: Union Minister for Environment, Forest, Climate Change and Labour and Employment, Bhupender Yadav, today inaugurated mega job fair cum awareness programme at Udhampur during his exhaustive tour of the district. District Development Council, Chairperson, Lal Chand, DDC Vice Chairperson, Juhi Manhas Pathania, Principal Secretary Forest, Ecology and Environment, Dheeraj Gupta, Commissioner Secretary, Labour and Employment, Sarita Chauhan, PCCF, Dr. Mohit Gera, Deputy Commissioner, Kritika Jyotsna, President MC, Jogeshwar Gupta, SSP, Dr. Vinod Kumar and other senior officers of various department were present on the occasion.



After inauguration, Union Minister accompanied by DDC Chairperson had a round of stalls established by various government departments for generating awareness regarding different schemes launched by the Government of India besides exhibiting their

respective products. Union Minister also interacted with the officers and reviewed the progress on various schemes. He also handed over key under "Mumkin" scheme and disbursement under Tejaswini scheme besides distributing e-Shram cards among the beneficiaries. While addressing the gathering, Union Minister said that Jammu and Kashmir is witnessing unprecedented growth and development under the guidance of Prime Minister. He made a mention of successful implementation of several vital schemes in the UT saying that different centrally sponsored schemes have made a tangible change in the development profile of J&K. He congratulated the Lieutenant

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DC Kupwara chairs seminar on G-20 summit at GDC Sogam

KUPWARA, FEBRUARY 23 : Deputy Commissioner, Kupwara, Dr. Doifode Sagar Dattatray, today chaired a one-day Seminar on “G-20 Summit 2023 & opportunities for Kashmir” at Government Degree college Sogam (Lolab) which was organised by college management in collaboration with 28 RR.

The event is part of various outreach activities on ‘Azadi Ka Amrit Mahotsav’, G-20 Presidency and Mission Shakti, was co-chaired by Yougal Manhas, SSP Kupwara and presided over by Colonel Anupam Haja, Commanding officer, 28 RR Bn.

This mega event comprised of seminar and debates was patronised by Dr.Shaimin Ahmad Dar, Principal, GDC Sogam.

Programme was attended by students of degree college, higher secondary schools and other educational institutions besides ardent speakers and intellectuals from different subjects and fields.

In inaugural address, Deputy Commissioner, Kupwara Dr. Doifode Sagar Dattatray said that “India is a great democratic country and third largest economy of the world in purchasing power, India has achieved G-20 presidency when it is celebrating 75 years of its independence called as Amritkal. India holds the presidency of the G-20 from December 1, 2022 but in actual India is remained a global leader throughout the ages. India has guided nations of the world with respect to ideologies, cultural



orientations, and religious teachings”

The Deputy Commissioner while addressing the audience said “ I am lucky to address you from such a beautiful and pious land of Lolab in Kupwara district which has lead the world in many ways. When we talk of ancient ages, when people used to live in forests and caves, the Kup-

wara district used a be a hub of education as at Shardi village of Kishanganga in the close proximity of Kupwara district, there was Sharda peeth global University. Similarly Lolab of Kupwara district has produced a visionary called Anwar Shah Kashmiri who lead the world through his noble ideas, ideologies” these apt words

of DC Kupwara on the soil of Anwar Shah Kashmiri stole the show and attracted the appreciations from the audience and there were chairs for Deputy Commissioner Kupwara from all sides.

Deputy Commissioner Kupwara while indicating towards the topography and Size of Kupwara district said that Kupwara district is not a small district, it's size is large than 77 countries of the world.

Deputy Commissioner Kupwara appealed the students and youth of the Lolab to work for national integration, communal harmony, and brotherhood and contribute for community, Kupwara and for the nation.

While projecting the development scenario of the district DC said that Swatchta “cleanliness” disposal of human excreta on scientific basis, preservation of environment and biodiversity are big challenges before the district administration. There is need of behaviour change and adopting of good sanitation and cleanliness practices among the rural masses. Use of polythene and spreading of filth need to be curbed to save the environment from soil pollution and water pollution.

DC asked the participants to take a pledge that day we all will make efforts to preserve and protect the environment from pollution and degradation and contribute for the society and deliver our responsibilities and duties towards our nation, district and our native place.

LCMA convenes 127th BPA meeting; decides 45 cases on merit

SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 23: The J&K Lake Conservation and Management Authority (LCMA) today convened 127th meeting of the Building Permission Authority (BPA) under the chairmanship of Dr. Bashir Ahmad Bhat, Vice Chairman, LCMA at Miskeen Bagh Office Complex, Srinagar.

The agenda for the meeting was discussed threadbare and a total of 45 cases were decided upon by the BPA on merits.

Among others, Chief Town Planner of Kashmir, Joint Commissioner (P) SMC, Executive Engineer Lake Division 2nd LCMA, Executive Engineer Electric Inspection Division, Enforcement Officers LCMA, representatives Executive Engineer UEED Division 1st, & PHE, Representative Tehsildar Khanyar and Law officer LCMA as members of the Building Permission Authority attended the meeting.

In the meanwhile, the Vice Chairman Dr J&K LCMA who is also the Chairman of BOCA has requested the people residing in the local jurisdiction of LCMA to apply for proper building permission through its BPA and obtain building permission before starting any sort of construction. Construction raised illegally shall be dealt with under law & will be demolished.

AAAMDC Bemina, Srinagar Police, West Zone organise Awareness programme on Drug Abuse

SRINAGAR, FEBRUARY 23: An awareness programme on Drug Abuse was today organized by Abdul Ahad Azad Memorial Degree College (AAAMDC) Bemina, Srinagar in collaboration with Srinagar Police, West Zone Srinagar within the college campus, here.

In his address, the Principal of the host College, Prof. (Dr.) Nazir Ahmad Simnani said that drug addiction is a menace and we have to fight against it from every corner. Sharing the vision of the programme “Nasha Mukht Bharat”, the Principal stressed the need of collaboration on part of various government, non-government, academic and executive organizations to fight this menace. He also stressed the student community to say “Yes to Life and No to Drugs”. SP West Zone Srinagar, Arif Amin Shah also shared his observations regarding drug abuse. He mentioned that drug addiction is a reality and we need to show concern at all levels against this problem in society. Besides this, he also mentioned the figures of drug peddlers arrested under PSA in the recent past. Dr. Muzaffar, Director, Youth Development and Rehabilitation Centre, focused on the pattern of drug addiction, and youth as the main target of those who earn profit out of it. Ashraf Sultan, Mental Health Counsellor shared his views regarding various stages in the life of drug addict with some preventive measures relevant to the different stages. A debate was also facilitated in which students from various colleges participated and discussed various dimensions of drug abuse and addiction. Meanwhile, the host college also presented cultural activities at regular intervals to spread awareness about and against drug abuse. Three positions with cash prizes and certificates to all other participants were also distributed amongst the students.

Historic Moment For Kashmir Business Community As CCIK Meets KCC&I



Srinagar: CCIK delegation led by its President Tariq Ghani along with his office bearers met newly elected KCC&I President Mr. Javed Tenga and his team. The CCIK President felicitated newly elected President and his team and congratulated the entire Hope 21 team for their massive victory in recently held elections.

Both the Presidents of CCIK and KCCI concurred to work jointly for the interest of trade, commerce, industries and tourism. Both CCIK and KCCI Office Bearers had interaction with each other and agreed to support each other in the business as well as social issues.

The CCIK President Tariq Ghani said this is a historic moment as for the first time both chambers agreed to work on the same platform and it is the heartiest and proud moment for the entire business community. The KCCI President Mr. Javed Tenga assured his full support and also said both chambers will collaborate for the benefit of the business community.

India's G20 Presidency Campaign at IUST Painting Competition on Education for Empowerment held at IUST

Awantipora, February, 23. A Painting Competition on the theme ‘Education for Empowerment’ was organized today at IUST under the aegis of Dean of Students, and coordinated by the Department of Mechanical Engineering. This forms a part of the series of initiatives planned at IUST for the widespread dissemination of information about the significance of India's G20 Presidency. In the event around fifty students and scholars participated and the winners were felicitated with cash awards and certificates. While addressing the felicitation ceremony, Prof. Shakil A Romshoo, Vice Chancellor IUST stressed the fact.

Group of 33 farmers flagged-off on inter-state exposure tour by Agri Deptt Kmr

GANDERBAL, FEBRUARY 23: A group of 33 farmers from three different districts of Kashmir



was today flagged-off by Joint Director Agriculture (Inputs) Kashmir, Farooq Ahmad Bhat for an exposure cum training visit outside the UT of J&K from the Farmer Training Centre (FTC) Ganderbal.

The seven day exposure visit has been organised by the FTC Ganderbal under the Sub Mission on Agriculture Extension (SMAE) of centrally sponsored schemes, National Mission for Agriculture Extension Technology (NAET-ATMA).

Joint Director while interacting with the farmers on the occasion, said that the visit has been organised for making the farm-

ers aware of the latest technologies for commercial agriculture, Realtime trends in organic farming and cultivation of different agriculture crops on scientific lines.

He impressed upon them to interact with the farm scientists, experts, and extension functionaries to get acquainted with up to date methodologies in crop cultivation on scientific lines.

He also asked them to enhance their technical skills in the field of integrated farming and to adopt the advanced technologies for cultivation of different agricultural crops after learning from such training/exposure visits.

Farooq said that under the holistic document

special attention has been given to the capacity building of farmers and to achieve this target a number of programs have been devised.

Giving details of the programme, Deputy Director Agriculture (Trainings) Kashmir, Idris Bashir Ahmad said that the group of 33 farmers (in 2nd phase) from Pulwama, Kulgam and Shopian will visit Punjab Agriculture University (PAU) Ludhiana Punjab, National Dairy Research Institute, Karnal, Haryana and Indian Institute of wheat and barley research Institute Karnal, Haryana.

Chief Agriculture Officer Pulwama, Mohammad Iqbal Khan, District Agriculture officer Pulwama Shah Nawaz Ahmad Shah and other senior officers were present on the occasion. Giving details of the programme, Deputy Director Agriculture (Trainings) Kashmir, Idris Bashir Ahmad said that the group of 33 farmers (in 2nd phase) from Pulwama, Kulgam and Shopian will visit Punjab Agriculture University (PAU) Ludhiana Punjab.

NSS unit of GDC Pampore organizes Awareness programme & Rally on ‘Drug Abuse’

PULWAMA, FEBRUARY 23: On the Directions of Deputy Commissioner Pulwama, Baseer-Ul-Haq Choudhary, the National Service Scheme (NSS) unit of GDC Pampore today organized an awareness programme and rally against Drug Abuse and Drug Addiction in Pampore Block of the district.

The campaign was organised with an aim to enlighten the youth about the devastating impact of drug abuse which remains a pressing issue in the Kashmir valley.

Around 100 NSS volunteers participated enthusiastically in the rally. The rally started from the college campus and culminated near Chungi, Tulbagh Pampore. Thereafter, volunteers returned back following the same route.

The aim of the rally was to spread awareness among the common people about the harmful effects of drugs and most importantly to bring awareness among the parents to have a close vigil on their children so that they do not fall prey to any untoward situation with regard to drug addiction.

Holding placards and banners, NSS volunteers of the college marched towards



main market from the college and raised awareness among people about ill effects of drugs.

They also sensitized the common citizens and shopkeepers about ill effects of tobacco, drug, alcohol and smoking.

In the said drive and rally, many informative pamphlets regarding the ill effects of Drugs were distributed among the locality members, particularly the teenagers of Tulbagh Pampore.

The programme was coordinated by Prof Alam Ara Shah and Aaliya Bashir, who appreciated the efforts of volunteers in organizing the rally successfully.

Speaking on the occasion, Prof Alam Ara Shah said that by conducting the rally, they want people, espe-

NYK invites youth to be engaged as volunteers under National Youth Corps scheme

JAMMU, FEBRUARY 23: Jammu and Kashmir Nehru Yuva Kendra (NYK) Sangathan has invited young person, between the age of 18 to 29 years as on 1st April 2023, for engagement as national youth volunteers on honorarium basis in all districts of Union Territories of Jammu and Kashmir and Ladakh under National Youth Corps scheme. These young people will be deployed to channelize their energies and capabilities towards nation building by organizing them into volunteer groups. They will be entrusted with the task of organizing campaigns/ awareness programmes about health, literacy, sanitation and other social issues and may also be called upon to assist the administration emergency or implementation

of various programmes. Under the scheme, at least 10th pass candidate will be eligible and no regular students are eligible for applying to NYC volunteerism. The deployed volunteers will be paid an honorarium of Rs. 5000 per month. This is neither a paid employment nor confers any legal right to claim employment with the government. Interested youth can visit the department's website: nyks.nic.in for further details of the scheme, application proforma. For any queries, Youth may also contact Hakim Abdul Aziz, Deputy Director Srinagar at 7889420750 for Kashmir division and Khushal Gupta, District Youth Officer Udhampur at 9906249020 for Jammu division (J&K UT) and Tajamul Ara, Deputy Director Leh at 9797007977.

DLSA Anantnag organizes Awareness programme on Women Empowerment

ANANTNAG, FEBRUARY 23: The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Anantnag in collaboration with Government Degree College for Women Anantnag today organized a programme on “Women Empowerment” at the auditorium of GDC Women Anantnag.

On the occasion, Secretary DLSA Anantnag delivered a special address to the participants and gave insights pertaining to the Empowerment of the Women. She said the first empowerment begins with considering to be worthy at par with men, giving them power to make their decisions and removing all forms of restrictions and constraints which hamper their decision making power. In order to make women self-dependent, there is a need to promote Social empowerment, Economic empowerment, Educational em-



powerment is crucial and germane to all other forms of empowerment, besides, skill development among women in non-traditional works like electricians, plumbers etc., Secretary DLSA said adding that Women can be organized

into different professional groups so that there is improvement in their bargaining power. She said platforms like Digital India should be used for seeing funds are utilised for women empowerment, their safety etc. The programme was attended by, Secretary DLSA Anantnag Deputy Chief LADC, Assistant LADC Anantnag, staff members and Para Legal Volunteers' of DLSA Anantnag besides officers of Sakhi One Stop Centre Anantnag, District Hub for Empowerment of Women Anantnag and nominated persons in Special Cell of Women and students of the college. She said platforms like Digital India should be used for seeing funds are utilised for women empowerment, their safety etc. The programme was attended by, Secretary DLSA Anantnag Deputy Chief LADC, Assistant LADC Anantnag, staff members and Para Legal Volunteers' of DLSA Anantnag besides officers of Sakhi One Stop Centre Anantnag, District Hub for Empowerment of Women Anantnag and nominated persons in Special Cell.

DLSA Ganderbal organizes Awareness programme on ‘Tele Law & Nyaya Bando’

GANDERBAL, FEBRUARY 23: The District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Ganderbal in coordination with CSC, e-Governance Services India Limited, and under the aegis of J&K Legal Services Authority today organised a one Day Legal Awareness Programme on “Tele Law and Nyaya Bando (Pro Bono)” at Town Hall, Ganderbal.

The programme was conducted under the chairmanship of Chairman District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Ganderbal, Ritesh Kumar Dubey and under the guidance of Secretary District Legal Services Authority (DLSA) Ganderbal, Nusrat Ali Hakak.

During the programme, the Secretary DLSA apprised the participants about “Tele Law & Nyaya Bando (Pro Bono)”. She said, NALSA has taken several steps to provide speedy and cost-effective justice through free legal aid services and the Department of Justice, Government of India launched this scheme on access to justice namely “designing innovative solutions for holistic access to justice” (DISHA), she added.

She stressed on CSC operators/ VLEs to inform the general public, especially marginal-

ized sections of the society about the Tele Law & Nyaya Bando (Pro Bono), so that common people get legal services/ advice digitally.

Adv. Abid Jeelani, Tele-Law Lawyer, highlighted that Tele-Law and said it connects needy and marginalised in need of legal aid with the Panel Lawyers via video conferencing/ telephonic facilities available at Common Service Centres (CSCs) situated at the Panchayat level.

He added that, Para Legal Volunteer (PLV) is the first point of contact between rural citizens and lawyers providing legal aid through CSC. They are not lawyers, but have basic understanding of the legal process. He urged the participants to download the Tele Law mobile application and avail free legal services.

Adv. Irfan Rashid Mir, Nyaya Bando (Pro Bono Lawyer), apprised the participants about Pro Bono Lawyer, which means giving free legal service to the public without any consideration. Nyaya Bandhu is an IT software application available easily in Google Store. Nyaya Bandhu is a pro bono legal service that has been developed to connect the registered lawyers with the registered bene-



ficiaries. This scheme gives voluntary legal advice to individuals and organizations that are unable to afford legal advice and/or cannot access legal aid. Adv. Athar Hafiz, Panel Lawyer of CSC Tele-Law, highlighted that legal services also encompasses facilitating the beneficiaries to get their entitlement under various Government schemes, policies and legislations. The programme was also attended by District Manager, CSC, e-Governance Services India Limited, Akhter Hussain, J&K Coordinator Tele-Law, Zameer Ahmad Mir, Panel Lawyers of CSC Tele-Law, PLVs of District Ganderbal and CSC Operators/ VLEs of District Ganderbal. Adv. Athar Hafiz, Panel Lawyer of CSC Tele-Law, highlighted that legal services also encompasses facilitating the beneficiaries to get their entitlement under various Government schemes, policies and legislations. The programme was also attended by District Manager, CSC, e-Governance Services India Limited, Akhter Hussain, J&K Coordinator Tele-Law, Zameer Ahmad Mir, Panel Lawyers of CSC Tele-Law, PLVs of District Ganderbal and CSC Operators/ VLEs of District Ganderbal.

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Charity (ZAKAAT) In Islam : One of the Important Pillars of Islam.

Among the five basic pillars of Islam, Charity (ZAKAAT) is of paramount importance to bring about an all round development in our society. Support for poor and needy, the Charity or Zakaat in Arabic is not just recommended by Islam, however it is required to be performed in letter and spirit by every financially sound Muslim men and women.

Giving Charity in a manner is what is termed by Allah in holy Quran as 'helping Allah in his deeds'. Charity is to be given to those who deserve it the most. It is part of Muslim character and one of the Five Pillars of Islamic practice. Zakat is viewed as "compulsory charity"; it is an obligation for those who have received their wealth from God to respond to those members of the community in need. Devoid of sentiments of universal love, some people know only to hoard wealth and to add to it by lending it out on interest. Islam's teachings are the very antithesis of this attitude. Islam encourages the sharing of wealth with others and helps people to stand on their own and become productive members of the society. In Arabic it is known as zakat which literally means "purification", because zakat is considered to purify one's heart of greed. Love of wealth is natural and it takes firm belief in God for a person to part with some of his wealth. Zakat must be paid on different categories of property — gold, silver, money; livestock; agricultural produce; and business commodities — and is payable each year after one year's possession. It requires an annual contribution of 2.5 percent of an individual's wealth and assets. Like prayer, which is both an individual and communal responsibility, zakat expresses a Muslim's worship of and thanksgiving to God by supporting those in need. In Islam, the true owner of things is not man, but God. Acquisition of wealth for its own sake, or so that it may increase a man's worth, is condemned. Mere acquisition of wealth counts for nothing in the sight of God. It does not give man any merit in this life or in the hereafter. Islam teaches that people should acquire wealth with the intention of spending it on their own needs and the needs of others. "Man", said the Prophet, 'says: My wealth! My wealth! Have you not any wealth except that which you give as alms and thus preserve, wear and tatter, eat and use up?' The whole concept of wealth is considered in Islam as a gift from God. God, who provided it to the person, made a portion of it for the poor, so the poor have a right over one's wealth. Zakat reminds Muslims that everything they have belongs to God. People are given their wealth as a trust from God, and zakat is intended to free Muslims from the love of money. The money paid in zakat is not something God needs or receives. He is above any type of dependency. God, in His boundless mercy, promises rewards for helping those in need with one basic condition that zakat be paid in the name of God; one should not expect or demand any worldly gains from the beneficiaries nor aim at making one's name as a philanthropist. The feelings of a beneficiary should not be hurt by making him feel inferior or reminding him of the assistance.

Money given as zakat can only be used for certain specific things. Islamic Law stipulates that alms are to be used to support the poor and the needy, to free slaves and debtors, as specifically mentioned in the Quran (9:60). Zakat, which developed fourteen hundred years ago, functions as a form of social security in a Muslim society.



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The concept of ego is often associated with arrogance and self-importance, but it actually refers to our sense of self-identity and self-esteem. In psychology, ego is considered to be one of the three parts of the human psyche, alongside the id and the superego. It is the part of the psyche that mediates between our internal drives (id) and our external reality (superego). However, when ego becomes excessive, it can lead to negative consequences in our behaviour and relationships.

Understanding Ego

Ego is the part of the psyche that helps us to develop our sense of self and to distinguish ourselves from others. It gives us a sense of individuality and helps us to establish our own identity. Our ego is shaped by our experiences, beliefs, values, and perceptions of the world around us. It is also influenced by the feedback we receive from others, particularly in our early development.

When ego is healthy, it provides us with a stable sense of self-esteem, self-confidence, and self-worth. It helps us to cope with life's challenges and to pursue our goals and aspirations. However, when ego becomes excessive, it can lead to arrogance, self-centredness, and an inflated sense of self-importance. This can result in negative consequences for ourselves and others.

Effects of Excessive Ego

Excessive ego can lead to a range of negative behaviours, including:

Narcissism: Narcissism is a personality disorder characterized by an excessive sense of self-importance, a lack of empathy for others, and a need for admiration and attention. People with narcissistic tendencies often have an inflated sense of their own abilities and accomplishments and may belittle or dismiss the achievements of others.



Aggression: Excessive ego can also lead to aggression, particularly when our sense of self-esteem or self-worth is threatened. People with an excessive ego may become defensive, hostile, or even violent when they feel that their status or reputation is being challenged.

Entitlement: When our ego becomes excessive, we may begin to feel entitled to special treatment or privileges. This can lead to a sense of entitlement, which can manifest in a variety of ways, including expecting others to meet our needs or to do things for us without reciprocation.

Managing Ego

Managing our ego is essential for maintaining healthy relationships and avoiding negative con-

sequences. Here are some strategies for managing our ego:

Self-reflection: Self-reflection involves taking the time to examine our thoughts, feelings, and behaviours in order to gain insight into our motivations and tendencies. By reflecting on our behaviour, we can identify areas where our ego may be getting in the way of our relationships or our personal growth.

Humility: Humility involves recognizing our limitations and weaknesses and accepting that we are not always right or the best at everything. It means being willing to learn from others and to acknowledge our mistakes and shortcomings.

Empathy: Empathy involves putting ourselves in other people's shoes and trying to understand their perspectives and feelings. By developing empathy, we can learn to appreciate and respect others' viewpoints and to be more compassionate and supportive.

Gratitude: Gratitude involves recognizing and appreciating the positive aspects of our lives and the contributions of others. By cultivating gratitude, we can become more humble and less self-centred, and we can develop a greater sense of connection and appreciation for others.

Conclusion

Ego is an essential part of our identity and sense of self, but it can also become excessive and lead to negative consequences in our behaviour and relationships. By understanding the effects of excessive ego and developing strategies for managing it, we can cultivate healthy relationships and a more fulfilling life. Self-reflection,

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How much paramount, the paramedical field is in our Kashmir division.



Pirzada faisal mushtaq

Just assume that without it, the entire medical field will remain shut down. This is not a new philosophy regarding it, but people will see it practically. What is "PARAMEDICAL" actually, what comes in it, it includes diploma holders in Dental, Nursing, x-ray, therapists, Assistants, Medical & lab. Whoever comes in the medical field, they all treat the patient at their own way. What the "Nursing field" actually is, its definition is upgrading of health system prevention of illness & the care of ill, disabled & dying people, support for, furthering of a safe environment, experimentation participation in shaping health policy & in patient & health systems management & education are also key nursing roles.

"Nursing field" is working globally, you know how, because nurses are working collaboratively with physicians, therapists, the patient, the patient's family, & other team members, that focuses on treating illness to improve quality of life. "Home health nursing", it simply defines, people who are old or very sick, go to their houses & treat them, people who are from far-flung areas, in winter season during rainfall, nursing staff put their lives at risk to treat them, now the society itself should think about how important the nursing field is. Public health nursing, nurses & social workers, that worked together & visits patients in their homes,

assessed their health needs & provided support with hygiene, nutrition, immunizations & more.

Roles & responsibilities, they fulfill each & every responsibility so nicely, they know how to treat with a patient & how to keep, maintain patients & equipments so sophisticatedly, they support & help patient

Scope & standards of Practice:- It includes, assessment, diagnosis, planning, implementation & evaluation, the standards of home health nursing integrate research, education, proper use of resources, the quality of care provided, team collaboration, & ethical principles. Pediatric Home Health Nursing:- paediat-

home. Nurses typically visit the patient to provide monitoring, perform lab work, and administer medications. 2) Private Duty Nursing (PDN): extended, 24-hour care services to patients at home to satisfy long-term care needs of patients who cannot safely live at home with their caregivers without medical care supervision. In a recent study of 2783 hospitalized pediatric patients who were discharged home with home health nursing, 92% of the patients received PDN services, while 8% received SNV, suggesting that PDN is more common in the pediatric population.

Skilled nursing care contribute comprehensive nursing care to the patient e.g physical therapy, speech language pathology, & continued occupational therapy, they have had to face encounter within required time frame, schedule of home health care is bent on by intermittent skilled nursing care, that's needed fewer than 7 days each week & daily less than 8 hours each day for upto 21 days.

Nursing is not only single word, it has so many types e.g cardiac nursing, forensic nursing, medical surgical nursing, emergency nursing, perioperative nursing, a vast history is written in favour of [Nursing Field]. They work autonomously & also with other health care professionals, you know "Nursing" is the largest, the most diverse & one of the most respected of all the health care professionals, they are so much exacting in the society.

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differently, you know how, nursing field is emotional of patient, they give education to the patient & give emotional support, how you will be safe & secure, how you will prevent from such harmful diseases, they are not interlink with only pharmacy but also with rehabilitation & community resources.

Education & Certification:- Their education system includes licensed diploma holders e.g "GNM & bachelors BSC nursing" & they will promote to masters level of education.

ric simply means children, children with chronic conditions are alarming day by day, then children are given paediatric medicine, when they get discharge from the hospital, then children are given home health care, on which basis they are given, when they have paramedical staff, that remains low expensive for patients. Two types of paediatric home health nursing, skilled nursing visits (SNV), intermittent short visits by nurses to a patients home with the goal of helping the patient & caregivers reach total independence at

Beautification of Rajouri : The Story of ill Planned Maintenance



By M S Nazki

The beautiful valley's that lie underneath the lofty Pir Panjals that are snow clad in winters but from the same mountains, through treckreasses flow into the valley's the breeze that would make you take you into the dream worlds of a heaven on Earth! Rajouri-Budhal area!

"You see it one way or the other the things are the same (natural ones)!"-The humans wanted to created gardens with flowers, though created with many fragrances and innovativeness!-"Let us be practical, nature is nature. The creations of past in Jammu and Kashmir were great and they still are!-"Four or could be enough to describe the gardens of Rajouri!"-"The first who created the first garden in Jammu and Kashmir (Theclue, he was not a Mughal emperor?" Another one it was not on the banks of the beautiful lake Dal!"-"The second who created the first garden in Jammu? (Again I will give you a clue, "First of all did one exist?".... The second one, it did?But where?"The third, did ever a garden exist in Rajouri? Yes they dds in form of lavishness spread by the Pir Panjals, but where?.....Another cluesomewhere in Rajouri District itself? Who made it?"-"The fourth is who was the first lover of beauty in Kash-



mir?"-"The fifth who were the men who planned the Ram gardens, withambitions high but which he thought that he was creating a marvel?But who? One clue here, he has to be a wonderful human speciesmasterpiece in form of the administrators!"-"The planner's and the executioners creation stands absolutelydefunct. It's nothing but a deserted piece of land. Why and how we will tell you!"Gardens have to be maintained, if made. The past ones attract peoplefrom all over the world to Kashmir. Gardens created there are cured,cleaned and the workers do a wonderful job so that when the peopelenter there, for example Harwan, Shalimaar and Nishaat. They have their own stories like Pari Mahal, Bijbehara Gardens, Chaar Chinaar,verinaag, Kokernaag, Dacchi Gam (Wild life park), the valley's ofGulmarg and Yus Marg and the places are many! But this story is ofsomething else!In Jammu province various parks have been created, the

flowers aremany but fragrance and colours less. That is where the nature comesinto place and has a part to play! Roads, four lane one and express highways made is no development!Development and saving the Mother Nature is the real refining of thehuman chapters of the future? But are we on that pathway!"Gardens in Rajouri suggest that it is not? Who is responsible?Obviously the arrows head towards the administration who created that?

But do the present administrators realize that if it was created forbeautification of Rajouri then why was it not maintained?I have a few questions for the administration:-If it was not maintained then what were the reasons that it was nevermaintained?If it was ill planned then someone from the administration irresponsible for the same? Ut who?In all prospects it has to be found out by the administration in Rajouri!"-Obviously a lot of money of the public and the government has beenwasted here dut for whom?-This the Secretariat knows the best because instead of flowers, wildvegetation and boulders exist here and most of the people have forgotten as to who created a park here and for what it was. Perhapsfor making it a wasteland so that the money price gets increased. Wewill ensure that it does not happen!The garden should get its original beauty back so that the people ofRajouri also get a feel that they are living in a modernized world!The past has been bad but that is history. I know that lessons can belearnt from the history but it looks that the modern dayadministrators are learning from the negativity that happened in thepast history! For the time it is bell time as far as this period of writing another corruption story goes.

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Poet: NAJI MUNAWAR

Nothing is long last and forever
Hey myself! You too are such a queer
You are too stone hearted
Never ever you met me a once
Neither your eyelashes disturb nor heart beats
Your lips does miracles so I can see
Night is night even the day seems night
O Sun let you decorate the night
Far away and hidden somewhere else
Let's talk to each other forlornly!

TRANSLATOR : SHAHID SHAMSHAD

Struggling Rahul set to be replaced with Gill for Indore Test

NEW DELHI: India batter KL Rahul's prolonged slump in form is likely to cost him his place for the third Test against Australia with demands growing for Shubman Gill's inclusion in the match in Indore. India has retained the Border-Gavaskar Trophy with a 2-0 lead in the four-Test series but Rahul's form has been a major concern for Rohit Sharma's team.

With a highest score of 23 in his last 10 Test innings, Rahul's place has become untenable as India chase a third successive victory that would seal their place in the final of the World Test Championship in June. "I have tremendous admiration for the class of Rahul, in fact, I call him Rolls Royce Rahul," former Indian captain Krishnamachari Srikkanth told the Times of India newspaper. "But it is just not happening for him at the moment. If I was the chairman of selectors, I would have gone up to him and told him to take a break..." Rahul has retained his place for the last two Tests against Australia but is no more the team's vice-captain, which may be perceived as a sign of his



imminent exclusion. "Of late, there has been a lot of talk about his batting but for us as team management, we always look at the potential of any individual, not just KL," skipper Rohit said in Delhi. "If the guy has potential, guys will get that

extended run. It's not just about KL, but anyone." Gill's potential is even harder to overlook though. The 23-year-old already has a century in all three formats and his last seven international knocks include four hundreds. The elegant right-handed

batsman smashed 208 in an ODI against New Zealand in January and his unbeaten 126 against the same opposition last month is the highest T20 score by an Indian batsman. "With all due respect to Rahul, it is time to play Shubman," former opener Srikkanth said. "You can't keep a player waiting when he is in the form of his life." "I have tremendous admiration for the class of Rahul, in fact, I call him Rolls Royce Rahul," former Indian captain Krishnamachari Srikkanth told the Times of India newspaper. "But it is just not happening for him at the moment. If I was the chairman of selectors, I would have gone up to him and told him to take a break..." Rahul has retained his place for the last two Tests against Australia but is no more the team's vice-captain, which may be perceived as a sign of his imminent exclusion. "Of late, there has been a lot of talk about his batting but for us as team management, we always look at the potential of any individual, not just KL," skipper Rohit said in Delhi. "If the guy has potential, guys will get that extended run. It's not just about KL.

History awaits Hero Santosh Trophy at Saudi Arabia in March

New Delhi, Feb 23 (UNI) History is about to be made as the ongoing Hero Santosh Trophy, (National Football Championship) for the first time ever, will shift base outside the Indian Subcontinent, to Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, where the semi-finals will be played on March 1, and the 3rd placed match and final will be played on March 4.

From 36 teams in the Group Stage, which was played across six venues, now came down to 12 teams (10 qualifiers from the Group Stage, along with Services and Railways, who had direct entry) in the final round in Bhubaneswar, Odisha, where the states were divided into two groups of six each. Now, at the business end of the competition, Punjab and Karnataka have made it to the semis as the top two in Group A of the Final Round, while Services and Meghalaya qualified as that in Group B.

The National Football Championship silverware's Arabian tale will get underway at the King Fahd International Stadium in Riyadh, an arena that has been most recently graced by one of the world's finest, perhaps one of history's finest - Cristiano Ronaldo of Al Nassr FC.

Punjab and Meghalaya will be the first to grace the hallowed turf, when they cross swords on Wednesday, March 1, 2023 at 5.30 pm IST, followed by the second semi-final, where Services will take on Karnataka at 9 pm IST at the same venue.

The teams that lose the two semi-finals will face each other in the 3rd Place Match at the King Fahd International Stadium, which will kick-off on March 4 at 6 pm, IST, with the final being played the following day at the same venue at 9 PM IST.

Jamshedpur FC beat Odisha FC 2-0 in ISL

Bhubaneswar, Feb 23 (UNI) Jamshedpur FC finished their season on a high and dealt a potentially fatal blow to Odisha FC's playoff ambitions after a dominant 2-0 win in the Indian Super League (ISL) at the Kalinga Stadium on Wednesday.

Goals from Harry Sawyer and Ritwik Das handed the Red Miners their third win in four games and kept FC Goa alive in the playoff pursuit this season.

Odisha FC came into the game needing just a point to seal qualification, but will now have to count on FC Goa to not win against Bengaluru FC on Thursday.

The opening twenty minutes were a cagey affair, as the ball stayed in the middle of the park for most of that period. Approaching the half-hour-mark, Sawyer had a couple of opportunities that came his way but neither manifested in a goal that broke the deadlock.

At the other end of the pitch, Diego Mauricio cut in from the left flank and glided past three players before shooting straight at the keeper to register the host's first effort on target in the 34th minute.

Rana approved as replacement for Vastrakar in India Squad

Dubai, Feb 23 (UNI) The Event Technical Committee of the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2023 has approved Shihab Rana as a replacement for Pooja Vastrakar in the India squad.

Rana, who has played 47 international matches including 24 T20Is, was named as a replacement player after Vastrakar was ruled out due to an upper respiratory tract infection. The replacement of a player requires the approval of the Event Technical Committee before the replacement player can be officially added to the squad. The Event Technical Committee of the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021 consists of Chris Tetley (Chair, ICC Head of Events), Russell Adams (Tournament Director), Snehal Pradhan (ICC Women's Cricket Manager), Mike Gajjar (Cricket South Africa representative), Ian Bishop and Lisa Sthalekar (both independent). Rana, who has played 47 international matches including 24 T20Is, was named as a replacement player after Vastrakar was ruled out due to an upper respiratory tract infection.

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NZ primed to 'throw some punches' at confident England

WELLINGTON: New Zealand will "throw some punches" when they face an attacking England in the second Test starting on Friday in Wellington, as the hosts bid to rescue the two-match series.

Bowling greats James Anderson and Stuart Broad, combined with some aggressive batting, propelled England to a thumping 267-run first Test win in a day-night encounter in Mount Maunganui.

It was England's 10th win in 11 Tests under head coach Brendon McCullum and further evidence of the success of the New Zealanders' "Bazball" attacking cricket revolution. In contrast, New Zealand are struggling for form and confidence going into the clash at the Basin Reserve, where rain could play a part on the first two days.

The hosts are winless in their last seven Tests since beating South Africa a year ago in Christchurch, including suffering a 3-0 whitewash in England last June.



"I don't think it's unfair to say we are lacking a bit of that confidence at the moment," said head coach Gary Stead, whose side were dismissed for 126 in their second innings of the first Test to lose in a little over three days.

Australia 'will have to play at our best' to beat India: Lanning

Cape Town, Feb 23 (UNI) Meg Lanning is not letting her side get complacent ahead of Australia's semi-final clash with India at Newlands. Few players can rival Lanning when it comes to knockout stage experience, the Australia skipper having won four ICC Women's T20 World Cups as well as lifting the ICC Women's Cricket World Cup twice before turning 30.

But despite her side being favourites to add to that collection in the coming days, Lanning is aware of the threat posed by an India side who have triumphed in World Cup meetings between the sides in 2018 and 2020, as well as in a super over following a tie in a T20I series clash in December. Ahead of the rematch between the ICC Women's T20 World Cup 2020 finalists, Lanning said, "We both know each other very well." "They are an incredible side and they've got some match winners and world-class players, so it's going to be a cracking game and we



can't wait," she said. "We came here to be part of a game like this and we're expecting to have to play at our best to win." Lanning said. "That is something that I know this group is up for and we're certainly very much looking forward to it." she said. Australia have been economical during the powerplay so far, suffocating teams from the get-go, but early wickets proved elusive in the victories over Sri Lanka and South Africa.

Shubhankar Sharma delighted to be back at Hero Indian Open after three years

Gurugram, Feb 23 (UNI) Two-time DP World Tour winner Shubhankar Sharma is delighted to be back at the Hero Indian Open after three years.

The 26-year-old Shubhankar, who has five Major appearances to his credit, is one of the pre-event favourites and among the top Indian contenders for the title considering his five-year long experience on the DP World Tour and the fact that he is extremely familiar with the conditions at his former home course, the DLF Golf and Country Club. Sharma, former Asia No. 1, who had bagged tied seventh place at the 2018 edition of his national open at the same venue, said, "I'm very happy that the event is back. It's like a fifth major, I've said that countless times this week. It's very, very special and I'm very happy it's back, especially at DLF.

"This course is very special to me. This is where I played quite a lot from 2012 to 2016, around the time that I joined the Tour and it's always great coming back. The course is in great nick and it's slightly different to what it was three years ago when I last played the Indian Open in 2019.

HBL PSL: Abbas holds nerve as Sultans clinch last-ball thriller against Kings

MULTAN: It shouldn't have, but it had come down to the wire. Karachi Kings should have run away with the match after the swashbuckling start James Vince had given them, but here they were at the Multan Cricket Stadium on Wednesday, needing 40 off the last 12 balls to reach the 197-run target against Multan Sultans in their HBL Pakistan Super League match. Sultans captain Mohammad Rizwan — who had scored 110 runs of their total earlier — would have preferred to toss the ball to their in-form bowler Iwanisillah at that moment, but with the pacer's overs already exhausted, he had to make do with Mohammad Ilyas and Abbas Afridi.

The pressure was immense and it



clearly got the better of Ilyas, who went first. After dropping Rizwan's counterpart Imad Wasim on the first ball, Ilyas conceded two wides before getting smacked by the Kings captain over long-on and long-off for two sixes. It was Abbas' turn now. The baby face

of the lean medium pacer could tell he was not enjoying being on the spot. And with his first ball — a head height full toss to Imad — dispatched over midwicket for six, it was proven. The next delivery was in Imad's slot again but to Abbas' relief, all the left-hander could manage from it was a single before he bowled another wide.

With Ben Cutting on strike now, Abbas bowled another wide outside off stump and was bludgeoned high and long by the Australian for another six. The right-arter, however, gathered himself, ran in and finally executed what he was looking to since the start of the over — a perfect slower one. Next ball, Cutting miscued an attempted big hit and found Kieron Pollard.

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Meet Lt. Gen R S Reen from North Kashmir's Baramulla District.

Son of the Soil Recently took over as DGQA at Army Hqrs New Delhi

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Srinagar February 23 : Lt Gen RS Reen, Who took over as Director General at Headquarters in Delhi hails from Jammu & Kashmir's Baramulla district. Reen's Ancestral village is Gohan in Baramulla and he is first from the valley and from the community to rise to the rank of Lt Gen. The General Officer did early Education from his native District. He is an alumnus of St Joseph High School, Baramulla and graduated in Electrical Engineering from National Institute of Technology, Srinagar. His father (Late) Professor Sajjan Singh was an alumnus of Banaras Hindu University and did his post-graduation in Physics in late 50s. He was the first from his community to do PG in Physics. The General Officer's mother Smt Mahinder Pal Kour is an alumnus of Punjabi University, Patiala and has worked as Principal at various higher Secondary schools in the val-



ley and served a long academic career of nearly 40 years. The General Officer's wife, Smt Satbir Kour, is also from Baramulla and works as an officer in LIC at Delhi. The General Officer is an alumnus of Indian Military Academy. Reen is a Subject Matter expert in the field of Quality Assurance. Prior to being Director General, he was Additional Director General at Delhi and has held various prestigious appointments in his Career Spanning over 37 years.

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