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### India overtakes UK...

the changes, he said that there is one teacher for 32 students in the country but one teacher for 14 students in Jammu. The forest and tree cover is 54 percent. The forest area and tree cover has also increased by 6 percent in the last two and a half years. The consumption of Capita Energy has also increased in Jammu and Kashmir in the last two and a half years, he added.

### Hirdesh Kumar appointed...

for appointment of Hirdesh Kumar, IAS (AGMUT: 1999) as Deputy Election Commissioner; Election Commission of India with pay at Level 14 in the Pay Matrix, for a tenure of five years from the date of assumption of charge of the post or until further orders, whichever is earlier vice Shri Umesh Sinha, IAS (UP:1986).

### J&K job fraud...

six people have been arrested in the case so far. The accused persons allegedly duped several people of lakhs of rupees by promising them jobs. "One more fraudster namely Ashiq Hussain Baba R/o Seeloo Babagund Baramulla arrested in Job promise fraud case of Kothibagh PS," the Srinagar police said in a tweet.

"He is the 6th person to be arrested in this case. Due to larger ramifications, SIT formed to investigate this case," it said.

In an official order, Senior Superintendent of Police, Srinagar, Rakesh Balwal said the SIT shall take up the investigation of the case forthwith.

The SIT shall ensure submission of a progress report to SSP, Srinagar on a fortnightly basis until the filing of a charge sheet, the order stated.

The SIT will be headed by the sub-divisional police officer, Kothibagh. Station house officers of Kothibagh and Maisuma police stations along with four other police officials will be members of the SIT, it said.

### Army Chief begins...

an outcome of the 16th round of high-level military talks in July, the two armies said in a statement on Thursday.

External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Arindam Bagechi said on Friday that the disengagement process in Patrolling Point 15 will be completed by Monday.

"As per the agreement, the disengagement process in this area started on September 8 at 0830 hours and will be completed by September 12. The two sides have agreed to cease forward deployments in this area in a phased, coordinated and verified manner, resulting in the return of the troops of both sides to their respective areas," he said.

"It has been agreed that all temporary structures and other allied infrastructure created in the area by both sides will be dismantled and mutually verified.

"The landforms in the area will be restored to the pre-stand-off period by both sides," Bagechi added.

He said the agreement ensures that the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in this area will be strictly observed and respected by both sides and that there will be no unilateral change in the status quo.

"With the resolution of the stand-off at PP-15, both sides mutually agreed to take the talks forward and resolve the remaining issues along LAC and restore peace and tranquility in India-China border areas," he said.

Initially, around 30 soldiers from each side were locked in a face-off at PP-15 but the number of troops kept changing depending on the overall situation in the region. India has been consistently maintaining that peace and tranquillity along the LAC were key for the overall development of the bilateral ties.

The eastern Ladakh border standoff erupted on May 5, 2020, following a violent clash in the Pangong lake areas. Both sides gradually enhanced their deployment by rushing in tens of thousands of soldiers as well as heavy weaponry.

As a result of a series of military and diplomatic talks, the two sides completed the disengagement process last year on the north and south banks of the Pangong lake and in the Gogra area.

The disengagement in the Pangong Lake area had taken place in February last year while the withdrawal of troops and equipment in Patrolling Point 17 (A) in Gogra took place in August last year.

### Good investigation with...

the framing of charges on daily basis. He also directed that these reports will invariably also have brief notes regarding the cases registered, challaned/disposed of and the orders of the courts of law.

He directed that the DIsG and SSsP will closely monitor the categorized cases which would include cases registered regarding targeted and planned acts of terrorism, terror modules, narco-terrorism nexus and cases registered regarding other terror related incidents.

The DGP asked the SSsP to discuss the cases with their teams and SIUs on a regular basis devoting ample time to UAPA cases. He also directed the district SSsP to follow the SOPs and also generate and circulate special reports for these teams as well as for the senior formations.

He said that meticulous planning of investigation will definitely get better results which will culminate into convictions in the Courts.

The DGP directed for SIUs strengthening and empowerment by posting an adequate number of Investigation officers for speedy investigation of the UAPA within the shortest period of time. He said that good investigation and good prosecution will help in taking the UAPA cases to logical conclusions.

While reviewing the categorized UAPA cases, the DGP directed for reviewing of the categorizations and stressed that the selected cases be closely monitored during investigation and during framing of charges.

He said that besides SIUs Parivey officers must be posted in courts and in District Police Offices in the shortest possible time with adequate manpower so that court Parivey & district Parivey cells are established. He also directed for training of the selected investigation officers with NIA as quickly as possible and also training for Parivey officers.

In the meeting it was also decided to review and plan infrastructure needs/ capabilities for witness protection and for witnesses to be produced / examined through video conferencing. It was also decided that the cases will be vetted by the DG Prosecution with the help of his prosecutors in order to check any loopholes and gaps in the investigation.

Officers representing different wings of Police and NIA gave different suggestions.

A threadbare discussion was held and a number of decisions were taken on spot.

At the outset, Spl DG CID J&K R.R Swain highlighted the measures and steps to be taken to improve the investigation skills and augmentation of manpower for speedy investigation of UAPA and other sensitive cases.

The meeting was attended by DG Prosecution J&K Deepak Kumar, ADGP Headquarters PHQ M.K. Sinha, ADGP Coordination PHQ Danesh Rana, ADGP Kashmir Zone Vijay Kumar, IGP Headquarters PHQ B.S. Tutti, DIG NIA Ashish Kumar, DIG CKR Sujit Kumar, DIG SKR Abdul Jabbar, DIG NKR Udaybhaskar Billa, AIG J.S. Johar and Chief Prosecuting Officer PHQ Suhaib Ashraf.

### PAGD to form...

will be formed to chalk out a strategy and guide them on the future course of action.

On September 5, Chief Electoral Officer Hirdesh Kumar had convened an all party meeting here to discuss the summary revision of electoral rolls which caused a heated argument between the BJP and opposition leaders, who later claimed that the chair ignored their concerns about inclusion of 25 lakh voters including "outsiders".

Kumar had in August said Jammu and Kashmir is likely to get around 25 lakh additional voters, including outsiders, after the special summary revision of electoral rolls.

The Union Territory is up for election for the first time since the abrogation of Article 370.

Following the dissensions, the administration had clarified that the revision of electoral rolls will cover existing residents of J&K and the increase in numbers will come from the voters who have attained the age of 18 years as of October 1, 2022, or earlier.

We are all together to stop the onslaught which is taking place in J&K. This (giving voting rights to people from outside) is the biggest among all and it is not acceptable to us, Abdullah said.

Referring to the participation of Jammu-based leaders in a meeting convened by the PAGD, he said: They belong to different ideology or have different agenda but we are all here together on this issue.

The NC leader alleged all promises made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi of a rapprochement have come to null, and new laws are being imposed on the people of J&K every day .

Lt Governor is sitting here Prime Minister chaired an all-party meeting (in June last year) and a decision was taken that Dilli ki Doori' as well as Dil Ki Doori' will be bridged and all prisoners will be released.

Tell me about anyone who was released, and every day they are implementing new laws. Therefore, all of us here feel that our rights are under attack and we are here to counter this attack, Abdullah said.

He also alleged there were discrepancies in the statements made by the election official on the increase in the number of voters after the revision.

Abdullah alleged the aim of the BJP is to win the elections with whatever means.

They want to rule the people whether they vote or not. They shout on a daily basis that they are going to form the next government as if others are just nothing, he said.

"Democracy is about people and not power," he added.

Wani, the Pradesh Congress Committee president, said Congress remains in the forefront, whether it is a part of the PAGD or not, to protect the rights of the people.

We want the people of J&K to decide their elected representative rather than anyone from outside, Wani said.

He said they want clarification from the election commission publicly rather than behind the closed doors.

Choudhary Lal Singh said they accepted the invitation to attend the meeting in the larger interest of the people .

We are against voting rights to the people from outside in the assembly elections. They have no business, he said.

Since Article 370 is prejudiced, we want extension of Article 371 to J&K to safeguard the land and jobs of the locals, he added.

### Yuvraj Singh Sandhu...

tournament's best score of 65 earlier in round three, continued his domination in round four to ease to a comfortable win at PGTI's first ever event staged at the Jammu Tawi Golf Course (JTGCC).

Sandhu made two birdies and bogeys each on the first nine holes but still managed to stretch his lead to five shots as nearest rival Khalin Joshi was one-over at the turn. Yuvraj birdied both par-5s, first and eighth, on the front-nine.

On the back-nine, Sandhu pushed ahead further, sinking birdie putts from a range of six to nine feet on the 11th and 13th and saving a par with a great shot from 100 yards after incurring a penalty on the 12th.

Sandhu dropped a bogey on the 17th but cruised to the finish line with a mammoth seven-shot margin as the other nearest contender Khalin played one-over on the back-nine.

I was a little nervous coming into this week because I had played well off late but not scored well at the Asian Development Tour (ADT) events in Indonesia. So I felt I just needed a little reassurance," Sandhu said.

My father gave me a surprise this morning by arriving in Jammu. When I saw him at the golf course before my round today that really helped me relax. I then just wanted to follow the yardage book, keep it in play and find fairways and greens. I managed to do that well today.

### Sinha attends finals...

as a major hub for Golf in the country. The administration has ensured world-class facilities for international golfers and advance coaching for students of government

schools.

The PGTI has expanded its geographical footprint in the region with this maiden professional Golf tournament at Jammu. The tournament is in line with the long-term objective of PGTI for promoting professional golf in different parts of the country.

Uttam Singh Mundy, CEO, PGTI thanked J&K Tourism, Jammu Tawi Golf Course and the UT Administration for their support for making the tournament a grand success.

Rajeev Rai Bhatnagar, Advisor to Lt Governor; Mukesh Singh ADGP Jammu; Sarmad Hafeez, Secretary, Tourism & Youth Services and Sports; Avny Lavasa, Deputy Commissioner Jammu; Minga Sherpa, Managing Director JKTDC; Vivekanand Rai, Director Tourism Jammu; Sunaina Sharma, Joint Director, Tourism Jammu; Manav Gupta, Secretary, Jammu Tawi Golf Course, besides officials of PGTI and JTGC; professional and budding golfers were present on the occasion.

### Restrictions lifted, life...

in the wake of a land dispute between two communities.

As the day passed off peacefully with no untoward incident being reported from anywhere, the restrictions were withdrawn.

However, police and paramilitary forces remained deployed in strength in sensitive areas, the officials said.

The executive magistrate, first class, Rajouri, had ordered the attachment of the piece of land in Rampur village under section 145 of the CrPC till the case is decided by a court of law.

Section 144 of the Code Of Criminal Procedure prohibits the assembly of four or more people.

### King Charles III...

were the words with which those gathered reaffirmed the proclamation made by the clerk of the Accession Council. The Accession Council performs a ceremonial role - it officially announces the name of the new monarch.

Charles then made his proclamation speech, which began with the most sorrowful duty to announce the death of Queen Elizabeth II, an example of lifelong love and selfless service .

"My mother's reign was unequalled in its dedication and its devotion. Even as we grieve, we give thanks for this most faithful life," said King Charles III.

"In taking up these responsibilities I shall strive to follow the inspiring example I have been set in upholding constitutional government and to seek the peace, harmony and prosperity of the peoples of these islands, and of the Commonwealth realms and territories across the world, he said.

The throne had passed to the 73-year-old former Prince of Wales following the death of his mother, Queen Elizabeth II, on Thursday and Saturday's ceremony marked his formal declaration and oath-taking at St. James's Palace in London.

King Charles was joined by his wife, Queen Consort Camilla, and his son and heir Prince William the new Prince of Wales, who added their signatures to the formal proclamation documents.

Charles confirmed the tradition of surrendering all revenues and the Crown Estate to the country in return for the Sovereign Grant that covers royal costs in the UK.

All six living former Prime Ministers Sir John Major, Tony Blair, Gordon Brown, David Cameron, Theresa May and Boris Johnson and new Prime Minister Liz Truss along with leaders of the Opposition were among those gathered for the sombre ceremony.

It was the decision of King Charles III to allow television cameras into the Accession Council for the first time to allow the public to view the proceedings.

Earlier, the King had travelled back from Balmoral Castle in Scotland on Friday, where the Queen's health deteriorated, and she breathed her last.

Flags lowered atop the palace in mourning for the late Queen were brought back up to full mast after the Accession Council proclamation, which followed a wave of further proclamations across the UK to go into Sunday when flags will return to half-mast in a state of mourning for the Queen.

Amid much ceremony, a Principal Proclamation was read in public for the first time by the Garter King of Arms from the balcony overlooking Friary Court at St James's Palace. It was accompanied by a 41-gun salute fired by The King's Troop Royal Horse Artillery at Hyde Park in London.

The trumpeters sounded a Royal Salute and the Band of Coldstream Guards followed with the National Anthem. Calls of "Three cheers for His Majesty The King!" were followed by the crowd cheering for the new monarch.

The Privy Council, which includes politicians, senior members of the clergy and Supreme Court justices, first gathered without the King to proclaim the new monarch and arrange business relating to the proclamation.

Following the proclamation, King Charles III held his first Privy Council meeting and made his personal declaration to "assume the duties and responsibilities of sovereignty" and follow in the footsteps of his late mother.

On Friday, the King held his first audience with British Prime Minister Truss at Buckingham Palace, soon after he was greeted with applause and cheers by large crowds gathered at the palace gates in mourning for the Queen and to catch a glimpse of the new monarch and his Queen Consort.

It was so touching to see so many people It's a moment I'd been dreading, but one must try and keep going, Charles was heard saying to Truss, in a brief clip released of his first audience as the Prime Minister expressed her condolences.

While formal details are to be released by Buckingham Palace, it is expected that the Queen will lie in state at Westminster Hall in London for the public to pay their respects.

In the coming days, the Queen's coffin will depart her Balmoral estate for the Palace of Holyroodhouse in Edinburgh the official residence of the British monarch in Scotland.

From here, it will be taken in procession to St. Giles' Cathedral in the city, where the Queen will lie at rest, allowing the public to view her coffin. The coffin will then move to London, ready for lying in state for around four days before her funeral. Meanwhile, senior MPs, including Prime Minister Truss, have sworn a new oath of allegiance to King Charles III in a special session of Parliament.

Commons Speaker Sir Lindsay Hoyle opened proceedings by taking the oath, followed by Sir Peter Bottomley, the longest-serving MP.

Truss, 47, was among those taking the pledge, speaking the words: "I swear by almighty God, that I will be faithful and bear true allegiance to His Majesty King Charles, his heirs and successors, according to law, so help me God."

## Raveena, Tanishq of DPS Jammu shine in District Rifle Shooting Championship



DPS Jammu faculty felicitating winner students.

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JAMMU: Students of Delhi Public School (DPS) Jammu brought laurels to the school and their parents by winning Gold and Silver Medal in 11th Jammu District Shooting Championship organized

by Jammu District Rifle Association held at Shooting Academy, Jammu from September 7 to 8, 2022.

Raveena Jangid (X-F) secured first position and won gold medal in 177 Air Rifle sub-youth Women category. Tanishq Singh

Further, Romijeet Singh, School Shooting Coach also received Award of Honour in the same event.

Principal-DPS Jammu, Ruchi Chhabra congratulated both the students, their parents and Romijeet Singh, School Shooting Coach for their achievement. President-RCT, Ajatshatru Singh, Pro VC, Dr. Ritu Singh and Director, S.S Sodhi congratulated the students and their parents and extended their best wishes for all their future endeavours.

the officials said.

The number of active COVID-19 cases in the union territory stands at 480. So far, 4,73,421 people have recovered from the disease, they said.

## Budgam Carrom meet begins



A Carrom match in progress at Budgam.

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SRINAGAR: Two days District Budgam Carrom Championship got underway at Multipurpose Indoor Sports Complex, Budgam under the banner of District Budgam Carrom Association.

The event was declared open by Shabir Ahmad, Manager Indoor Stadium, Budgam in the presence of Arif Sultan (secretary), Carrom Association), Dawar Rashid, Gulzar Khan (president district association and Nisar Ahmed Paul (secretary District Budgam Carrom Association).

Earlier, organising secretary of the event, Mohd Omer Teli informed that the around 250 participants shall compete in Cadet, Sub-Junior, Junior and

Senior categories of both boys and girls.

The Results: Preliminary Round: Senior Men: Aqib Aziz bt Ishfaq Ahmad; Owais Farooq bt Ubaid Bashir; Nazim Fayaz bt Danish. Senior Women: Amal bt Anies Fatima; Syed Fatima bt Qaisira Akther; Irtiga bt Muzamila. Junior Boys: Mohsin bt Arsalan; Sahil Mushtaq bt Arif Shabir; Kamran Majeed bt Rizwan Nazir. Junior Girls: Rizwana bt Muntaha Arshid; Sahiba Bilal bt Bisma Sofi; Tanzeela bt Sahiba Manzoor. Sub Junior Boys: Rahib Rashid bt Mehfooz Bhat; Faizan bt Umair; Yamin Ali bt Shah Farhad. Sub Junior Girls: Roohul Fiza bt Afreen Rashid; Irtiza Zahoor bt Soliha Gul.

## Bhalwal, Jammu, Gandhi Nagar girls excel in Badminton

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JAMMU: Bhalwal zone, Jammu and Gandhi Nagar zone bagged under-19, under-17 and under-14 titles respectively in the two-day inter-zone girls Badminton tournament of district Jammu held under the banner of Department of Youth Services and Sports at Gymnasium Hall, University of Jammu, here on Saturday .

About 40 school going shuttlers took part in this event which held under the supervision of district (DYSS) officer; Sukhdev Raj Sharma team of other officials.

Meanwhile, boys under-19 football competition started today at Synthetic Turf at Khel Gaon,

Nagrota. In the meantime, competition in boys section also started today at the same venue in under-19 category.

BADMINTON (Finals): Under-19: Zone Bhalwal beat Zone Damsal 2-1 sets Under-17: Zone Jammu beat Zone Gandhi Nagar 2-0. Under-14: Zone Gandhi Nagar beat Zone Jammu 2-1.

FOOTBALL Boys: Under-19: Zone Marh beat Zone Bishnah 5-0; Zone Gandhi Nagar beat Zone Miran Salih 2-0; Zone Damsal beat Zone Bhalwal 2-1; Zone Satwari beat Zone Akhnoor 3-0; Zone Damsal beat Zone Jammu via tie breaker 4-3.

## Proud to be a true soldier of Congress: Mula Ram

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JAMMU: Former Minister and former Vice President J&K Pradesh Congress Committee, Mula Ram has asked people to beware of opportunistic and selfish leaders, who had gone out and have revealed their opportunistic character. While speaking during a meeting at Marh block, Mula Ram said that at present the party is facing challenges and it will become clear that who are devoted to Congress' ideology and who are in party for self-interest.

"Party's resolve and resilience of workers will be under severe test in the electoral battles ahead but our self confidence should not falter. We cannot afford to let our self-confidence and morale falter. Some of our party colleagues have left us in recent times. All I can say is that they have revealed their opportunistic character," said Mula Ram. Asserting that he is proud to be a true soldier of Congress, the former Minister said that only Congress can safeguard

J&K's secular character. "Congress won't be cowed down by vendetta politics of BJP, rather it will get further strengthened," said Mula Ram urging party workers to gear up for assembly elections.

Others present during the meeting included Hari Singh Chib, Rajinder Kumar Happy, Rattan Lal Sharma, Bittu Rampal, Deva Choudhary, Balkar Singh, Sham Singh, Sagar Choudhary, Jagdish, Gopal Sharma, Shemsher Singh, Zinda and Karan Jot Singh.