

News *Digest*

Unexploded Mortar Shells Defused

Jammu: Four unexploded live mortar shells fired by Pakistan army during the ceasefire violation along the Line of Control in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district were detected and destroyed by the Army on Friday, official sources said. On the information provided by the villagers about unexploded mortar shells fired by Pakistan targeting Balakote hamlet along the LoC on Thursday, a bomb disposal squad team rushed to the area, they said. The team detected and destroyed the shells in the operation, • P-02

Hideout Busted In Kupwara: Army

Srinagar: A militant hideout was busted in Kupwara district of Jammu and Kashmir on Friday and arms and ammunition recovered, the Army said. A search operation was launched on Friday afternoon in the Kandi forest area of Kupwara in north Kashmir based on a specific input, an Army official said. He said during the search operation, a hideout was busted. The forces recovered an AK 47 rifle, a grenade launcher and two hand grenades from the hideout, the official said. He said the search operation was in progress.

Police Arrests Four 'Gamblers' In Bandipora

Srinagar: Police in north Kashmir's Bandipora on Friday claimed to have arrested four gamblers in a raid in Saderkoot Payeen area of Ajas. Acting on an input, ateam from Police post Ajas raided a gambling site at Saderkoot Payeen Ajas f and apprehended four gamblers, a police spokesperson said Friday. He said an amount of Rs 6,250 besides playing cards were seized from the gamblers The police spokesperson identified the accused as Abdul Majeed Dar and his brother Ali Mohmad Dar of SK Payeen, MohmadAfzal Rather of SK Bala and Bilal Ahmad Ganie • P-02

Man Held 12 Years After Road Accident

Jammu: A man wanted in a hitand-run case for 12 years was arrested in Jammu and Kashmir's Poonch district on Friday, police said. Based on specific information, a police team conducted a

..SHOPIAN 'FAKE ENCOUNTER' Army Admits 3 Slain Youth Were Rajouri Residents

Order Disciplinary Proceedings Against Troops For Exceeding AFSPA Powers

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Army has found "prima facie" evidence its troops "exceeded" powers under the Armed Forces Special Powers Act during an encounter in Kashmir's Shopian district in which three men were killed in July this year and has initiated disciplinary proceedings, officials said on Friday. On July 18, the Army claimed

three militants were killed in Amshipura village in the higher reaches of south Kashmir's Shopian district.

Committed to ethical conduct during anti-militancy operations, the Army initiated an inquiry after social media reports indicated the three men were from Rajouri district in Jammu and had gone missing at Amshipura, said Col Rajesh Kalia, the defence spokes-



Disciplinary Action Must Be Transparent: Omar

ational Conference leader Omar Abdullah on Friday said the process of disciplinary action against those found guilty of killing three young men from Rajouri in an alleged fake encounter in Shopian should be transparent. "The families of the three murdered men had • P-02

person in Srinagar. a record four weeks. The fami-The probe was completed in lies of the three men **PAGE 02**

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1990 were exceeded and the Do's and Don'ts of Chief of Army Staff as approved by the Supreme Court have been contravened.

Woman Injured As Guns Roar Along LoC

JAMMU: A woman was injured as India and Pakistan troops traded gunfire for the second consecutive day Friday along the Line of Control (LoC) in Bandipora and Poonch districts of Jammu and Kashmir. Officials said Friday that

Pakistan army continued ceasefire violations for the second straight day by resorting to heavy firing and mortar shelling in forward areas along the LoC in Poonch district, officials said.

Indian Army retaliated befittingly to the Pakistani aggression, they added. • P-02

Pak Summons Indian Diplomat

ISLAMABAD: Pakistan on Friday summoned a senior diplomat from the Indian High Commission here to register its protest over the alleged ceasefire violations by the Indian forces along the Line of Control (LoC).

The Foreign Office in a statement said that Indian forces resorted to "indiscriminate and unprovoked firing" in the Hotspring and Jandrot sectors on Thursday, resulting in serious injuries to 15-year-old Irum Riaz; • P-02

LADAKH FACE-OFF Chinese, Indian **Troops In Rifle Range**

Agencies

NEW DELHI: Despite the Indian and Chinese foreign ministers agreeing to reduce tensions along the disputed border, both the countries troops are in rifle range at four locations at Pangong Lake in Eastern Ladakh, a senior official in the security establishment said.

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to-eyeball deployment comes at a time when China is yet to indicate the date for the next senior military-level talks.

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the source said, adding they are at three locations on the southern bank of the lake and one on the northern bank.

Govt's High-Power China Study Group Reviews Situation

he government on Friday carried out a comprehensive review of the overall situation in eastern Ladakh including India's operational preparedness in view of the continued belligerence by the Chinese army and its fresh attempts to "intimidate" Indian troops in the region, government sources said. • P-02

Naib Tehsildars Authorised To Issue Domicile Certificates

Observer News Service

\SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir government on Friday authorised Naib Tehsildars to issue domicile certificates to PRC holders and their family mem-

bers across the Union Territory. The decision regarding it was taken by Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha during at a meeting while reviewing the working of revenue department and the Auqaf, an official spokesperson said. He said that to speed up the pro-Tehsildars for issuing Domicile cer-



Domicile Certificate tificates in the UT, the LG directed

to complete all long pendency by 30th September, 2020," the officials spokesperson said. LG's advisors KK Sharma and

Farooq Khan; Chief Secretary, BVR Subrahmanyam; Principal Secretary cess, LG announced to authorise Revenue Department and Inspec-Naib Tehsildars in addition to the tor General of Registration Pawan Kotwal: Principal Secretary to LG

14 More Coronavirus Deaths In J&K, Toll 968 **Observer Monitoring Desk** had fallen from height and

turned out to be Covid-19 **SRINAGAR:** A 21-year-old youth positive later. were among fourteen more peo-"He had cardiopulmonary ple, who succumbed to coronaviarrest at 2 am," a doctor at rus infection in Jammu and Kash-SKIMS Soura said mir on Friday, taking the number Α 56-year-old woman of fatalities due to the virus in the from Kaloosa Bandipora died at SKIMS Bemina where Union Territory to 968. she was admitted on September 2, offi-cials said While ten more Covid-19 deaths were reported cials said. A 5 from Jammu division, the remaining four, including 58-year-old man from Dalgate, a 21-year-old youth from south Kashmir were conthey said, was brought

to SMHS hospital where firmed by officials here. Regarding the youth, officials doctors declared him brought aid, he was a resident of Ladoo dead and on testing he turned ou Kulgam and was admitted to SKIMS to be was covid-19 positive. A 67-year-old man **PAGE 02** Soura on September 11 after he

Covid-19 Crosses 60K Mark With 1330 New Cases oronavirus cases in Jammu and Kashmir Jon Friday crossed 60,000 mark as 1330 more people, including 70 travellers tested Covid-19 positive in the Union Territory. While 658 fresh cases of coronavirus were reported from Kashmir Valley, the remaining 672 were con-

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firmed by the officials from the Jammu division, office said Friday. This is for • P-02

Hurrivat Hails UN Chief's Kashmir

Statement

SRINAGAR: Welcoming the statement of UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres that India and Pakistan should take steps for 'positive' settlement of Kashmir issue, Hurriyat Conference (M) on Friday said that the onus of a peaceful resolution and an end to "human rights violations" in Jammu and Kashmir lies with the global body.

In a statement issued here, a Hurriyat spokesperson said that the UN should ensure India and Pakistan resolve the issue through dialogue as per the wishes of the people of Jammu and Kashmir so that the people are not "killed" and they live with dignity.

raid in Chhajla village in tehsil Mankote and arrested accused Nazakat Hussain, they said. Hussain had been evading arrest since 2008 in a case of rash driving and causing hurt to people, the police said. A court had already issued an arrest warrant against him, they said. The accused was produced before the court after the completion of all legal formalities, they said.

Rs 65000 Fine Slapped **On Brick Kiln Owners**

Srinagar: The authorities on Friday slapped a fine of Rs 65,000 against few brick kiln owners who were found involved in selling bricks at exorbitant rates in south Kashmir's Pulwama district. Acting upon the instructions given by Deputy Commissioner Pulwama, Dr Raghav Langer a team comprising Assistant Controller Legal Metrology and officials from Revenue Department today conducted a surprise visit of brick kiln units which were selling bricks at exorbitant rates, an official spokesperson said. The team while inspecting • P-02

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"The onus of a peaceful resolution and an end to human rights violations in J&K lies with it," the spokesperson said. • P-02

Pak To Raise Kashmir At UNGA

ISLAMABAD: The all important general debate of the 75th session of the United Nations General Assembly (UNGA) will be commencing from September 22 in a virtual session with zero in-person participation from anyone from outside.

Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan will take part in the General Assembly in New York and will be addressing it on September 25, as detailed by Pakistan foreign office spokesperson Zahid Hafeez Chaudhri during a weekly press briefing on Friday.

"The Foreign Minister will participate virtually in the high level meeting of the General Assembly to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the United Nations," he said.

As per diplomatic sources, • P-02

LG Directs PDD To Submit 'Winter **Preparedness Plan' Within A Week**

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha on Friday directed Power Development Department (PDD) to submit a winter preparedness plan in a week besides ensuing that no unscheduled power curtailment is made in the metered areas of the Union Territory. According to an official

meeting at the Civil Secretariat here on Friday to assess the preparedness of the Power Development Department for the ensuing winter season. ▶ PAGE 02



spokesperson, LG conducted a **O Govt Forms LG Secretariat Monitoring Cell**

he J&K government on Friday accorded sanction to the establishment of 'Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat References Monitoring Cell' in the General Administration Department. It has been established for expeditious • P-02

Pvt Schools Warned For Collecting Capitation Fee

Agencies

SRINAGAR: The government on Friday directed all the private educational institutions of Jammu and Kashmir not to charge any admission fee from the students.

In an order issued, principal secretary to the government for school educational department and skill Development, Asgar Samoon also asked the private educational institutions to refund the amount to the parents which was collected by the management from November 2019 till date. "The Fee Fixation Committee (FFC) was mandated to regulate the fee structure in private educational

private schools shall only charge tuition fee, annual fee, transport fee, voluntary special purpose fee or any other fee as may be approved by the FFC after following the due procedures. But shall not charge, in any manner, any other fee including admission fee," the order reads.

The order further states that the institutions in I&K and the com-FFC requested that the **PAGE 02** mittee has ordered inter-alia that

What Government Reports Tell About Business In Kashmir

Swati Joshi

VEN after the removal of Article 370 which was considered a "hurdle" in the development of Jammu & Kashmir, the Naya Kashmir still lags in Ease of Doing Business Index (EPI)

Ease of Doing Business

J&K ranks 21st in the EODB rankings released by the Department of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT). The ranking is based on the implementation of Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP).

The DPIIT started a reform exercise in 2014 to rank all states and union territories in India based on some reform parameters with the aim to create a business-friendly environment.

The first report titled "Assessment of State Implementation of (EODB) and Export Preparedness Business Reforms" was released in September 2015 covering the findings of reforms implemented by States/ UTs under the Business Reform Action Plan (BRAP).

Similar reports of the ranking came out in 2006 and 2017-18.

like labour regulation, land adminis-



The reforms cover 12 broad areas tration, environment regulation, obtaining electric and water supply, etc. assessment is based only on the industries. The respondent data is

For the rankings of 2019-20, the feedback from service users and

shared by the states through the BRAP portal.

The users are then surveyed by the DPIIT to determine the efficacy of the reforms.

Under BRAP 2019-20, feedback is only sought on those reforms. which has been implemented by the states and UT.

In 2017-18, Kashmir was put under the category of "aspirers" who have implemented less than 80 percent of reforms. The combine scoreboard of reform evidence and feedback of I&K was 32.76 percent.

For BRAP 2019-20, out of 187 reforms proposed by New Delhi, 137

were implemented in the region. Neighboring states of J&K- Himachal Pradesh (HP) and Punjab have implemented 175 and 178 reforms respectively. HP ranks 7th and Punjab ranks 19th in EODB.

However, the methodology used in the 2017-18 ranking is different from that of 2019.

The 2017-18 edition used state government and user feedback to compute the score, whereas in 2019 only business feedback (for whom the reforms were intended) was taken onto account.

After the abrogation of Article 370, business stood standstill for a long time in Kashmir. Covid, in 2020, further dented it.

Tourism, handicrafts, and other retail businesses have incurred huge losses during the period, **PAGE**

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Paytm App Back On Google Play Store After Being Pulled Down Briefly For Policy Violation

Play store after removing it for a from the Play store. few hours for violating its policy on sports betting activities.

The app was back on the Google Play store on Friday evening after the Softbank-backed Paytm removed the 'cashback' feature from a recently-launched game on the application.

"Update: And we're back!," Paytm said in a tweet.

On Friday morning, Google removed the Paytm app -- which facilitates use of wallet and payments bank services -- from the Play store.

However, users who had already downloaded the app could continue using the services.

"The app was blocked for violation of Play policies - a clarification of our policy was released earlier today ahead of the IPL tournament," Google said in an e-mailed response, adding that support for further growing the only the app availability on Play startup ecosystem. store was impacted.

on Friday, had said it does not al- power comes responsibility. I be-

NEW DELHI: Google on Friday low apps facilitating sports bet- lieve that they should be responrestored the Paytm app on its ting and will remove such apps

These policies are in place to protect users from potential harm, it added.

"We don't allow online casinos or support any unregulated gambling apps that facilitate sports betting. This includes if an app leads consumers to an external website that allows them to participate in paid tournaments to win real money or cash prizes, it is a violation of our policies," the

blog post said. Paytm founder Vijay Shekhar India and we strictly follow all Sharma said the company has already removed the scratch cards which offered the cashbacks, complying with Google's con-

cerns. Stating that Google was not allowing it to acquire new customers by blocking Paytm's promotion, Sharma said India needs removed and confirmed that the

"(Platforms like Google) are Google, in a blog post earlier dominating platforms and with

sible for this country's growth and startup ecosystem...India's ecosystem needs support, not stifling of innovation," he told news channel CNBC-TV18.

A Paytm spokesperson said the company had recently launched the 'Paytm Cricket League' on its consumer app for users to engage in their passion of cricket and get cashbacks.

"The game allows users to get player stickers after each transaction, collect them and get PaytmCashback. Cashback is legal in

rules and laws of the land. "Unfortunately, Google believes this to be a violation of its policies and has unlisted the Paytm Android app from the Play Store," the spokesperson told PTI. The spokesperson added that the cashback feature has been app has been restored on the Play store.

Google, in its blog post, had said that when an app violates its til the developer brings it into policies, it notifies the developer compliance.

are repeated policy violations,

Google Play Developer accounts. "Our policies are applied and enforced on all developers consistently," the blog post by Android Security and Privacy Vice President Product Suzanne Frey said.

There is often a surge in launches of such apps before major sporting tournaments like the IPL.

The latest season of the Indian Premier League (IPL) is scheduled to start from September 19 in the United Arab Emirates. Meanwhile, SonamChandwani,

Managing Partner at KS Legal & Associates, said, "Enforcement of compliance with Google's policies one day before IPL is scheduled to kickstart, is a preemptive attempt by Google to reinstate and remind developers of its stringent gambling policies."

She said in India, legislation puts a blanket ban on sports beting but fantasy sports is not illegal in most states.

"However, Google's policies

"An undetermined implication would be the compliance of its policies by sports fantasy apps like Dream 11 and MPL that are not directly available on the Google Play Store platform but feature in advertisements and inducing similar effect on its user, eventually leading to a violation of its gambling policies," she noted.

In a statement, the Federation of Indian Fantasy Sports (FIFS) said it had sought clarity from Google to ensure a level-playing field for all fantasy sports apps.

FIFS also said it has never asked for any company, such as MPL or Paytm, to have any negative repercussions whatsoever.

"We are here to protect all our members no matter their business size and treat all members/ non-members the same.

"In the past, FanCode and SportsTiger, sister brands of Dream11 and MyTeam11 respectively, were removed from the Google Play Store for violation of Google Play Store's policy as they were promoting their Fantasy Sports Apps," it added.

we may take more serious action will have an over-arching impliwhich may include terminating cation on apps in its Play Store.

Army Admits 3 Slain Youth... from Rajouri who worked as labourers in Shopian had also filed a police

complaint.

In a brief statement, the Army said the Shopian operation contravened the dos and don'ts of the Chief of Army Staff approved by the Supreme Court.

"The inquiry has brought out certain prima facie evidence indicating that during the operation, powers vested under the AFSPA 1990 were exceeded and the Do's and Don'ts of Chief of Army Staff as approved by the Supreme Court have been contravened.

"Consequently, the competent disciplinary authority has directed to initiate disciplinary proceedings under the Army Act against those found prima-facie answerable," the statement said.

It is not immediately clear how many Army men are being proceeded against.

The evidence collected indicates the three unidentified (militants) killed in Amshipura were Imtiyaz Ahmed, Abrar Ahmed and Mohammed Ibrar who hailed from Rajouri. Their DNA report is awaited. "Their involvement with (militancy) or related activities is under investigation by the police," the statement said.

General Officer Commanding Lt Gen B S Raju had taken note of social media reports and initiated a probe into the incident. A general advertisement was published in local newspapers, asking people with any "credible information" about the case to step forward and share it with the court of inquiry instituted by the Army.

Relatives of the three youths, belonging to Dhar Sakri village in Kotranka of Rajouri area in Poonch, had lodged a written missing persons report in the local police station after they lost contact with them on July 17. The three were working as labourers in apple and walnut orchards in Amshipura.

The relatives said in their complaint that they had last spoken to the three on July 16 when they informed their families they had got a room in Amshipura.

The room was the site of the encounter two days later, the complaint stated.

Police is also probing the three youths' call details and why they jumped out of a window when an operation was launched at their rented accommodation, a police official said.

He added that their presence in around strategic places in Shopian since their arrival was also being investigated.

According to the rules, a Summary of Evidence will now be initiated against the erring Army personnel after which Court Martial proceedings will begin. The Army has been maintaining high standards of transparency and punishing officials whenever rules are violated, officials said. With inputs from PTI

apart at Spanggur Gap, Mukhpari and Rezang La.

China made the first provocative military moves, after which India too deployed its troops at these locations. At these two places, both the countries' troops have fired warning shots to intimidate each other. The Chinese People's Liberation Army made attempts to occupy the area between Finger 3 and 4 earlier this month which led to the firing of around 200 shots in the air. Thereafter, both the armies are now a

few hundred meters apart. The mountain spurs jutting into the lake are referred to as 'Fingers' in military parlance. The PLA troops armed with spears and guns again tried to start a me-

dieval-style fight similar to the June 14 clash at Galwan Valley, in which 20 Indian soldiers and an unknown number of Chinese soldiers died. In the confrontation, shots were fired for the first time in 45 years along the Line of Actual Control.

It was after External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar and his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi reached an agreement in Moscow that the situation has calmed down a bit at the borders.

India has asked China to completely withdraw its troops from Pangong Tso. But China has refused to budge.

Both the countries are engaged in the current four-month-long standoff at the Line of Actual Control in eastern Ladakh. Despite several levels of dialogue, there has not been any breakthrough and the deadlock continues.

Chinese aggression started increasing along the LAC and more particularly in Galwan Valley since May 5. The Chinese side transgressed in the areas of Kugrang Nala, Gogra and the north bank of Pangong Lake on May 17 and May 18.

Govt's High-Power China...

At a nearly 90-minute meeting of the high-power China Study Group, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, Chief of Defence Staff Gen. Bipin Rawat and the three service chiefs also looked at further enhancing the vigil along the nearly 3,500-km-long Line of Actual Control (LAC), including in Arunachal Pradesh and Sikkim sectors, they said.

Army Chief Gen. M M Naravane briefed the meeting about the fresh face-offs between Indian and Chinese troops at both the north and south bank of the Pangong lake and elaborated on steps taken to effectively deal with such attempts, the sources said.

"The meeting of the China Study Group reviewed all aspects of the situation," said a source.

The meeting also deliberated on arrangements being made to maintain the current level of troops and weapons in all forward areas in eastern Ladakh and other sensitive high-altitude sectors in the harsh winter months when the temperature drops up to minus 25 degree Celsius.

The sources said the meeting also briefly touched upon the main talking points to be raised by the Indian side at the next Corps commander-level talks which is expected to focus on the implementation of an agreement reached between foreign ministers of India and China at a meeting in Moscow on September 10.

was briefed in detail about the working and organizational structure of the Revenue Department.

"He was apprised about status of the first phase of ongoing process of scanning and settlement of land records in Jammu and Srinagar. The Lt Governor set timeline for digitization of all revenue records on speedy basis by September 30, 2020," the official spokesperson said.

"He also directed to complete the Cadastral survey under Digital India Land Records Modernization Programme (DILRMP) across all districts of the UT by the end of May, 2021," he added.

14 More Coronavirus Deaths...

from Alochi Bagh here died, nearly a fortnight after he was admitted to CD hospital, one of the exclusive facilities for the management of the covid-19 patients in the Valley.

The deaths from Jammu among others include a 70-year-old from Arnia RS Pura, a 65-year-old man from Shatri Nagar Jammu, a 70-yearold woman from Janipur, a 70-year-old from Talab Tilloo, a 60-yearold Green enclave Rehari Jammu, an 83-year-old from Gandhi Nagar, a 60-year-old from Bakshi Nagar, an 84-year-old man from Nai Basti Satwari and a 52-year-old from same area.

With these deaths 968 people have succumbed to the virus in J&K so far. (With GNS inputs)

Covid-19 Crosses 60K Mark...

the fifteenth day in a row that cases have exceeded to over a thousand daily

Giving district wise breakup of the cases, officials said that Srinagar reported 237 cases, Budgam 62, Baramulla 64, Pulwama 41, Anantnag 60, Bandipora 65, Kupwara 52, Ganderbal 44, Kulgam 19, Shopian 14, Jammu 221, Rajouri 62, Udhampur 31, Kathua 42, Doda 86, Samba 53, Poonch 77, Ramban 47, Reasi 18 and Kishtwar 35.

Moreover, they said, 784 more COVID-19 patients have recovered and were discharged from various hospitals- 294 from Jammu Division and 490 from Kashmir valley.

Hurriyat Hails UN Chief's...

Expressing shock and grief over another "gruesome killing" of a woman during a gunfight in Batamaloo area of the city on Thursday, the spokesperson said that the incidents of killing of Kashmiris by forces continues unabated for the past thirty years.

"As seen in media reports her family is inconsolable as they are unable to understand why she has been killed in this manner." the spokesperson added

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service delivery or non-performance of Government functions and small issues and other references," reads the government order.

The grievances about service delivery or nonperformance of Government functions/small issues shall be sent to the concerned Deputy Commissioners or Departments for resolution, it reads. "These will also be entered in the J&K Integrated Grievance Redress and

Monitoring System."

The 'other references or petitions' will be forwarded to the concerned departments for consideration, it added.

The government posted Vikas Verrna (KAS), awaiting orders of adjustment in the GAD, As Deputy Secretary, Nazir Ahmad Rather, also awaiting orders of posting in GAD as under Secretary, Mohammad Saleem Budoo, Head Assistant, Department of Tourism as Head Assistant and Nazar-ul-Islam, Junior Assistant, Department of Floriculture, Parks and Gardens Junior Assistant. (GNS)

Pvt Schools Warned For ...

private educational institution be directed not to charge admission fees in violation of the government and court orders.

"By virtue of Jammu and Kashmir Reorganization Act 2019, the Right of Children to free and compulsory education Act, 2009 (Act) has been made applicable to the UT of J&K. No school or person while admitting a child, collects any capitation fee and subjects the child or his or her parents or guardian to screening procedure," the order reads.

The order also states that any school or person, if in contravention of the provisions of sub-section (1) receives capitation fee, shall be punishable with fine, which may extend to ten times from the capitation fee charged.

"To subject a child to screening procedure, shall be punishable with fine which may extend to twenty five thousands rupee for the first contravention and fifty thousand rupees for each subsequent contraventions," it reads.

"It is hereby ordered that no private school or person while admitting a child shall collect any admission fee from any child or his or her parents or guardians and such fee and if already collected in violation of the Right of Children to Free and Compulsory Education Act 2009 from the date of its applicability-that is from 31.10.2019 shall be refunded with immediate effect otherwise action under section 13 of the ACT shall be initiated forthwith," reads the order-(KNO)

What Government Reports ...

which according to the estimates of the Kashmir Chamber of Commerce and Industries (KCCI), is Rs 40,000 crores. Export Preparedness Index 2020

J&K ranks at the bottom (36th) in the first EPI report prepared by the premier policy 'Think Tank' of the Government of India, NITI Aavog.

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"And in the case where there

Disciplinary Action Must Be...

continued to proclaim their innocence. Disciplinary action initiated by the army would suggest the army agrees with the families. The process must remain transparent & the guilty must face the full weight of the law," Omar tweeted.

He was reacting after the Army said it has found "prima facie" evidence its troops "exceeded" powers under the Armed Forces Special Powers Act during an encounter in Kashmir's Shopian district in which three men were killed in July this year and has initiated disciplinary proceed-

On July 18, the Army claimed three militants were killed in Amshipura village in the higher reaches of south Kashmir's Shopian district. After the operation, two families from Rajouri claimed that the youth could be their relatives who had come to Shopian in search of work.

Woman Injured As Guns...

"At about 1630 hours today, Pakistan army initiated unprovoked ceasefire violation by firing with small arms and intense shelling with mortars along the LoC in Balakote sector," a defence spokesman said. According to reports, a 34-year-old woman identified as Mehnaz Kouser of Sohala was injured in Pakistani firing. She was removed to the public health centre (PHC) Burthi for treatment.

Pakistan troops have violated the ceasefire agreement 31 times so far this month. officials said.

On Thursday, a soldier was injured in Pakistani firing in Balakote sector. An army personal was killed and two others, including an officer, injured on Tuesday as Pakistani troops violated ceasefire by using heavy fire and mortar shells along the LoC in Sunderbani sector of Rajouri district, according to officials.

On September 2, a JCO was killed in ceasefire violation by Pakistani troops along the LoC in Keri sector of Rajouri.

Earlier, Pakistani troops violated the ceasefire along the LoC in Gurez sector of Bandipora district, the defence spokesman said. The Indian Army effectively retaliated.

"Pakistan initiated an unprovoked ceasefire violation along the LoC at Kanzalwan in Gurez sector today morning by firing mortars and other weapons," defence spokesman Colonel Rajesh Kalia said. There were no reports of any casualties so far.

Pak Summons Indian Diplomat

26-year-old Nusrat Kausar and 16-year-old Mukheel of Andrala Nar village.

The Indian forces "along the LoC and the Working Boundary (WB) have been continuously targeting civilian populated areas with artillery fire, heavy-caliber mortars and automatic weapons," it alleged. It claimed that 18 people had died and 183 been injured in 2,280 ceasefire violations this year

The Indian side was called upon to respect the 2003 Ceasefire Understanding, investigate this and other such incidents of deliberate ceasefire violations and maintain peace along the LoC and the WB, the Foreign Office said.

Chinese, Indian Troops In...

three locations on the southern bank of the lake and one on the northern bank.

On the north bank, the troops are facing each other between Finger 3 and Finger 4 where warning shots were fired in the air by both the armies. On the south bank of the lake, the troops are only a few meters

"We will insist on early and complete disengagement of Chinese troops from all friction points. That is the first step for restoration of peace and tranquillity along the border," said a source.

The sources said the Chinese People's Liberation Army(PLA) is yet to respond to the Indian Army's communication to it on holding the next round of the Corps commander-level talks.

"There is no date as of now as the Chinese military is yet to respond to it. The talks could take place sometime next week," a source said. The two sides have so far held five rounds of talks at the level of Corps commanders.

The sources said the situation remained tense at both the north and south bank of the Pangong lake area as well as at other friction points in eastern Ladakh.

There have been at least three attempts by the PLA to "intimidate" Indian troops along the north and south bank of Pangong lake area in the last three weeks where even shots were fired in the air for the first time at the LAC in 45 years.

External Affairs Ministry Spokesperson Anurag Srivastava on Thursday said China should take forward the process for complete disengagement of troops from all friction points including at the Pangong lake area, and asked it not to make unilateral attempts to change the status auo

He said both sides should focus on easing tensions in the friction areas by refraining from any actions that may lead to an escalation in the situation.

The assertion by Srivastava came in the backdrop of remarks by Chinese foreign ministry on Wednesday that it was for India to initiate the process to disengage and restore peace along the LAC.

Both sides reached a five-point agreement to resolve the border standoff at a meeting between External Affairs minister S Jaishankar and his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi on September 10 on the sidelines of a Shanghai Cooperation Organisation(SCO) meet in Moscow.

The agreement included measures like quick disengagement of troops, avoiding action that could escalate tensions, adherence to all agreements and protocols on border management and steps to restore peace along the LAC.

The situation in eastern Ladakh deteriorated after China unsuccessfully attempted to occupy Indian territory in the southern bank of Pangong lake on the intervening night of August 29 and 30.

India occupied a number of strategic heights on the southern bank of Pangong lake and strengthened its presence in Finger 2 and Finger 3 areas in the region to thwart any Chinese actions. China has been occupying the areas between Finger 4 and Finger 8. The mountain spurs in the area is called Fingers.

China has strongly objected to India's move. However, India has maintained that the heights are on its side of the LAC.

India has also rushed in additional troops and weapons to the sensitive region following China's transgression attempts.

Following China's fresh attempts to change the status quo in the southern bank of Pangong lake, India has further bolstered its military presence in the region.

Naib Tehsildars Authorised...

Farid ud Din; Commissioner Survey Land Records, Shahnawaz Bukhari and senior officers of Revenue and Auqaf were present in the meeting. During the review meeting, the official spokesperson said that the LG

of the UN to rank up the India-Pakistan conflict along the Line of Control (LoC) with prime focus on the pertaining issue of Kashmir, which has escalated tensions since August 5, 2019, when J&K's special status was removed.

Sources also said that Imran Khan's address to the UNGA will be focused on what Islamabad calls Indian aggression along the LoC, India's ongoing "oppression" of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, the imposed lockdown situation in Jammu and Kashmir.

Khan will be calling upon the Indian government to immediately restore internet services in J&K, release all prisoners, especially the civil society members and journalists, remove Armed Forces Special Powers Act, Public Safety Act and other laws, and allow independent media and international human rights observers to visit the region to independently observe the situation in Jammu and Kashmir, the source maintained.

Khan will be calling on UN member countries to pressure India over Kashmir and ask the member states to push New Delhi on table talks with Pakistan over the Kashmir dispute.

Khan will also talk about the initiation of the Afghan dialogue process, highlighting Islamabad's efforts to ensure that the dialogue for Aghan peace becomes a reality. The Pakistan premier is also expected to drag India in it as well, calling it a 'spoiler', which intends to destabilise the peace process.

Khan is also expected to reaffirm Pakistan's all out alliance and support to China over its dispute with India.

LG Directs PDD To Submit ...

In the meeting, the official spokesperson said, the LG directed the officers concerned to ensure necessary advance procurement and decentralized distribution of critical components like transformers, poles, and other material for inaccessible and potentially snow bound areas in view of the upcoming winter season.

"He also directed for submission of a 'Winter Preparedness Plan' within a week. He also directed the officers to ensure no unscheduled power curtailment in the metered areas," the official spokesperson said.

Observing the need to ensure uninterrupted power supply in the Union Territory, Sinha directed to ensure quality check on the procurement of transformers and other critical equipment so that their shelf life remains longer.

"The LG directed that the long-pending projects be completed on priority. He also directed the officers to look into the high damage rate of transformers in the UT and to submit an action plan lower it to the national average," the official spokesperson added.

LG's advisors KK Sharma and Farooq Khan, Chief Secretary, BVR Subrahmanyam; Principal Secretary, PDD, Rohit Kansal; Managing Director JPDCL Yasha Mudgal; Managing Director KPDCL, Mohammad Aijaz Asad; Chief Engineers and other senior officers attended the meeting, in person and through video conferencing.

Govt Forms LG Secretariat ...

follow-up and better coordination with the Administrative Departments and Deputy Commissioners as required for disposal of the representations or grievances received by Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat, as per an order issued here.

The Cell shall be headed by Shabir Hussain Bhat (KAS), Additional Secretary to the Government, GAD.

"The Cell shall segregate all the references, petitions sent from the Lieutenant Governor's Secretariat into two categories: Grievances about

The EPI is done to assess the readiness of the states in terms of their export potential. The readiness is measured based on four pillars (policy, business ecosystem, export ecosystem, and export performance), 11 sub-pillars and 55 indicators.

Gujarat at 75.19 emerged as the leading state followed by Maharashtra (75.14) and Tamil Nadu (64.93).

The scores of J&K in the four pillars are- policy pillar: 0, business ecosystem pillar: 14.92, export ecosystem: 5.63 and export performance pillar: 25.87.

Under the business ecosystem pillar, the sub-pillars like business environment, infrastructure, transport connectivity, and access to finance scored 7.82, 0, 48.29 and 3,56 respectively.

Some important indicators like labour reforms, number of investor summits, single-window clearance scored zero.

In the case of the export ecosystem, sub-pillars like export infrastructure, trade support and R&D infrastructure scored 9.83, 0, and 2.86 respectively

Growth and Orientation and export diversifications sub-pillar under export performance scored 6.96 and 44.78 respectively.

According to the report, "There is a high scoring range amongst Indian states on the EPI where Gujarat has the highest score of 75.14 and Jammu & Kashmir with the lowest score of 12.27."

Since the report considers the data from 2016-17 up to 2018-19, J&K is being considered as a state and is grouped under the landlocked category.

Among the other landlocked states like Raiasthan, Telangana, Harvana, Chhattisgarh, Uttar Pradesh, Madhya Pradesh, Jharkhand, Punjab, Assam, and Bihar, J&K has scored the least (12.27) in export preparedness. The report mentions that J&K needs to improve its performance under the policy and the export ecosystem pillars, considering that it "indicates a glaring paucity in both enabling and facilitating factors that could drive the states towards export-oriented growth."

As per the report, Kashmiri shawls have the highest Market Performance Index in J&K. It is exported to 44 countries and accounts for 17.8 percent of the share in the erstwhile state's total export.

Other items having high Market Performance Index are carpets, medicine put up for retail sale, shelled walnuts, basmati rice, yarn of polyester and derivatives of pyridine.

Unexploded Mortar Shells...

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Police Arrests Four...

of Dudwan Ajas. "They have been arrested and shifted to PS Sumbal where they remain in custody. Accordingly, a case under relevant sections of law has been registered and investigation has been initiated," the police spokesperson added.

Rs 65000 Fine Slapped...

and recording the statement of complainant came to conclusion that few brick kiln owners were found involved in overcharging thus violating orders issued by Deputy Commissioner Pulwama.

The team imposed penalty on spot against the violators and said that strict action as per law shall follow.

Pertinent to mention here that DC Pulwama vide his office order No. 67 DCP /Brick Kilns/2020 dated14 .09.2020 has fixed rate of bricks as 21000 per 3000 bricks including all taxes except transportation.

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CUCET-2020

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Common Entrance Test

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The university made all

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with Director Admission, Prof.

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Parveen Pandit and appreciated

The staff of the university health

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The consortium of 18 varsities

ensuring safety protocols.

including 14 Central Universi-

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participated in the CUCET-2020.

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on Friday.

NGDRS Launched in J&K

NGDRS switches existing manual system to online registration

SRINAGAR : Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha launched the National Generic Document Registration System (NGDRS) at a ceremony organized at Deputy Commissioner Srinagar's office, today.

NGDRS represents a major shift from the existing manual registration system to online registration of all transactions in salepurchase/transfer of land and the stamp papers have been replaced by e-stamps which have been incorporated in coordination with Stockholding Corporation of India. J&K will be the 10th among States/UTs to become part of NGDRS.

Speaking on the occasion the Lt Governor remarked that today's launch marks another step of the government towards the establishment of an accountable and transparent governing system where the welfare of common citizen is at the core. The overall intent is to ensure hassle-free service delivery and transparency in the registration process by online uploading of the document, appointment with the registration office, e-stamp, and a one-time visit to the Registration office. The entire process has been reduced to 15 minutes which earlier would take several days in view of

multiple steps involved. Now all 5 steps are under the digital process. The Lt Governor handed over

an Endorsement Deed and an estamp generated through NGDRS to a Srinagar resident marking the launch of NGDRS. Earlier, Deputy Commissioner,

Srinagar, Dr. Shahid Iqbal Choudhary briefed the Lt Governor about the progress of Land Record Digitization in the district. He informed that apart from 100% updation of Jamabandis and digitization under completion, 558 estates have been digitised and updated on NGDRS Portal. A revenue of Rs 46 Cr has

been generated in district Srinagar so far and NGDRS will entail an ease of doing business both for revenue department and land owners/ buyers.

In the first phase, apart from District Srinagar four other districts viz. Jammu, Samba, Kathua and Udhampur have also been included under NGDRS coverage. The Lt Governor directed the officers to launch the system in the rest of the Union Territory before 31st October 2020. He remarked that the launching of NGDRS is a big step towards National Integration and a leap towards 'One Nation One Software'.

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This Day In History

1944 - Armistice between Finland and Soviet Union is signed. (End of the Continuation War)

1950 - Great Three acknowledge Bond government as only German government

1950 - UN reject membership of China's People Republic

1974 - Hurricane Fifi hits coast of Honduras; about 5,000 die 1974 - The KGB begin a large-scale operation to discredit Russian novelist Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn and cut his communications with Soviet dissidents

1975 - Indonesia sends troops to Portuguese East Timor 1981 - Satellites China 10 & 11 launched into Earth orbit by B-1 rocket

1984 - Britain & China complete a proposed agreement to

transfer Hong Kong to China by 1997 1985 - 8.1 earthquake in Mexico City kills an estimated 10,000 and leaves 250,000 homeless

1988 - Israel launches 1st satellite, for secret military reconnaissance

1989 - French DC-10 crashes near Niger, 171 die

1992 - UN Security Council votes 12-0 (3 abstentions) to dump Yugoslavia

2017 - US President Donald Trump addresses the United Nations vowing to "totally destroy North Korea" if threatens the US

2017 - 7.1 earthquake south east of Mexico City kills over 300 2017 - President Hassan Rouhani of Iran in his UN speech criticizes US President Donald Trump for his comments about Iran in his own UN speech

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LG reviews functioning of **J&K Sports Council**

SRINAGAR, SEPTEMBER 18: Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha today reviewed the functioning of J&K Sports Council & Youth Services & Sports Department in a meeting at civil secretariat here today.

At the outset, Commissioner/Secretary, Youth Services & Sports Department, Sarmad Hafeez briefed the Lt Governor regarding the overall sports scenario in the J&K and the achievements of the JK Sports Council and Youth Services & Sports Department in conducting the Sports activities, building sports infrastructure, and promoting sports culture in the J&K through a PowerPoint presentation. He also apprised the Lt Governor about the to-date progress of the renovation/upgradation works at M.A Stadium & Bakshi Stadium

Taking note of the inordinate delays in

completion of ongoing projects, especially the Bakshi Stadium, the Lt Governor passed explicit directions to the officers for completing all pending projects within stipulated timelines and called for making concerted efforts to involve more and more youth in sports to channelize their energies

The meeting was informed about the status of upcoming sports infrastructure, which include 31 projects under PMDP, including 22 multipurpose indoor halls, out of 22 Indoor Halls, 8 Indoor Halls have been completed while 5 Indoor Halls are nearing completion during Oct 2020.

It was remarked that sports council was formed with the aim to promote, develop and encourage competitive sports, athletics and cultural activities in a professional manner in the UT with a reoriented approach vis-à-vis sports so that local talent in different sports is harnessed and encouraged to participate successfully in their area of sports at National as well as International level.

Later, the Lt Governor also released the Coffee Table Book of J&K Sports Council showcasing its efforts in promotion of sports in the Union Territory through sustained augmentation of sports infrastructure and handholding

Flood Recovery: Experiences and Initiatives Webinar on 2014 Kashmir **Floods Anniversary held**

Srinagar: A Webinar titled "2014 Kashmir Flood Recovery: Experiences and Initiatives" was jointly organized by National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM) & The Institution of Engineers, India (IEI), J&K chapter in collaboration with the Divisional Administration, Kashmir.

The webinar was attended by senior Government Officers from various departments and more than 200 participants from the general public from the community, including experts, professionals, etc. The aim of the webinar was to bring together all the stakeholders on the same platform to analyze and reflect the lessons learnt

so far and integrate knowledge to understand the different aspects of pre and post flood scenarios of 2014, sustainable development of infrastructure, etc. The webinar lasted for over 3 hours.

Major General Manoj Kumar Bindal, (VSM) Executive Director, NIDM inaugurated the programme. He highlighted his experience of 2014 Kashmir floods and said that the issue of flooding has become a concern for most of the towns and cities due to heavy rains. He also appreciated the state administration for developing infrastructure and robust mechanism of issuing alerts in case of any emergencies

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Action plan to revive carpet sector in J&K reviewed

SRINAGAR: To overcome the stiff challenges confronting the carpet industry in Jammu and Kashmir, Commissioner Secretary, Industries & Commerce, Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Friday chaired a meeting to discuss slew of measures to revive the sector, which remains the mainstay of exports to overseas destinations.

Special Secretary, I&C, M.M.R. Ghassi, Managing Director, J&K Handloom & Handicrafts Corporation, Hashmat Ali Yatoo, Director, Handicrafts & Handloom, Kashmir, Mussarat Islam, Director IICT, Zubair Ahmad, besides other senior officers attended the meeting.

Emphasizing upon the promotion of traditional industries which have carved out a niche for itself in overseas markets, Secretary Industries spelt out a futuristic plan to revive the carpet sector, which remains the mainstay of craft products exported from Jammu & Kashmir. He asked Director Handicrafts and Handloom to submit a detailed proposal for implementation of the Yarn Supply Scheme for different types of raw material to registered carpet weavers. He also issued directions to Director IICT to work out a proposal for establishing at least two Raw Material Banks in carpet craft-concentrated areas, one in Central Kashmir and one in North Kashmir, which shall ensure sustained supply of quality of raw material.





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RCC jacketing of Delivery tank of Marwal Lift Irrigation	Dt: 17-09-2020	Executive Engineer R&B Division Shopian DIPK-5903/20	Clinton and deliver a landmark address to a joint session of Congress. His invitation, which was issued during Clinton's sta in India earlier this year, further cements a drive by both sides to end decades of frosty ties between Washington and New Delh
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details can been seen/downloaded from the Departmental Website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule given below:	Last date for uploading of E-tenders Last date of submitting bids Hard Copy	23.09.2020 (up to 14:00 hrs)	be solved by the two rivals. "What we are doing is trying to push both the Indians and
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The date and time of opening of Technical bids shall be notified on departmental website and conveyed to the bidders mail message on their email address. The Financial bids shall be opened online on same website in the office of the Executive Engineer Irrigation Construction Division Pampore (Tender Receiving Autho The bid for the work shall remain valid for period of (90) daysfrom the date of opening of bid.	Office where financial bids being opened	Office of the Executive Engineer, O&M Division Pulwama, Kashmir Pin Code 192301 Address near DC office Pulwama kashmir	 high technology corridor in California were disappointed he would be unable to visit them. A powerful business delegation is however travelling wi Vajpayee, hoping to scoop billions of dollars of US investment for India's flagship hi-tech industry.
DIPK-5923/20 Irrigation Construction Division,	DIPK-NB-2386/20	-sd Executive Engineer O&M Division Pulwama	As well as meeting Clinton, Vajpayee is scheduled to mee Vice President Al Gore, who is now himself running for the White House, and members of both parties in Congress. <i>Kashmir Observer, September 19, 20</i>
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NO HOLDS BARRED



• Voting for Biden is voting for the very foundation of a political culture that has a whole platoon of Trumps and Bidens waiting to surface

View From The Foyer Fracturing A People

R. RAJ RAO

Alterations to the status quo open up a Pandora's Box. They have a snowballing effect. This is proved not only in border disputes that India currently has with China and Pakistan, but also with Nepal, a friendly Hindu country, that has claimed areas in the map that supposedly belong to India.

India did something unprecedented. It abrogated Article 370 of the Constitution that gave the state of Jammu & Kashmir special status, and it downgraded the state into the union territories of Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh. The state's elected leaders, Farooq and Omar Abdullah, and Mehbooba Mufti among others, were placed under house arrest. Did the Government of India realize then that its brash action would have farreaching consequences?

n August 2019, the Government of

Soon after the abrogation of Article 370, the Government of India's next tactical move was to hurriedly pass the Citizenship Amendment Bill (CAB) in both houses of the parliament. The bill unjustly singled out Muslims for the right to citizenship. This outraged not just Muslims but all democratic Indians with a sense of justice. There were student protests against the CAB in college and university campuses across the country.Not just in JamiaMilia, JNU and Aligarh Muslim University but also in my university, the University of Pune, led by student leaders like Satish Gore.

To add insult to injury, the Home Minister, Mr. Amit Shah, spoke of a National Register of Citizens (NRC) as the next step. Once again, there were apprehensions that Muslims would be excluded from the NRC, though on paper, the Government of India vehemently denied this.

Ironically, the Citizenship Amendment Bill turned people, who otherwise may have felt that the scrapping of Article 370 wasn't such a bad idea after all, against the regime. These were moderate Indians who believed that Balakot was a fitting and much-needed answer to Pulwama. But they now began to see though the government's treacherous game plan. They were able to join the dots and estab-



lish connections between the abrogation of Article 370, and the CAB and NRC.

The agitation against the CAB and proposed NRC culminated in protests by women activists in Delhi's ShaheenBagh and riots in North East Delhi. But then, the Covid-19 pandemic, and the lockdown it necessitated, put an abrupt end to the campus and ShaheenBaghagitations.

In Jammu & Kashmir, though, the lockdown triggered by the novel corona virus wasn't a novelty. The state-now comprising two union territories-was in a state of lockdown since the abrogation of Article 370. Foreign TV channels like Al Jazeera that managed to sneak into Kashmir, portrayed a grim picture of what went on inside. They interviewed HameedaNayeem, Head of the Department of English at Kashmir University, who spoke of the learning process of school and college students being retarded; and of barriers having been put on the free flow of learning as a result of political

developments.

Yet the Government of India politicized even the pandemic. It viciously held a Muslim sect, known as TablighiJamaatis, who attended a religious event at the NizamuddinMarkaz in Delhi, as responsible for the spread of corona in India. That this was false is proved by a recent Delhi High Court ruling which states that there is no evidence that the people who attended the congregation were in any way accountable for India's growing corona numbers. It is clear that the government made the TablighiJamaatis scapegoats only because they were Muslim. No insinuations were made against Hindu shrines that attracted the same crowds of devotees around the same time

Today, the ramifications of the abrogation of Article 370 resurface in India's Ladakh standoff with China.

Wang Shida, Deputy Director at the China Institute of Contemporary International Relations, who specializes in South Asian studies, and Wang Xianfeng, a Chinese diplomat who is press officer at the Chinese embassy in Pakistan, believe that, "India's actions of unilaterally changing the status quo of Kashmir...have posed a challenge to the sovereignty of China and Pakistan, and made India's relations with its two neighbours more complex.'

According to Wang Shida, in the wake of the abrogation of Article 370, India opened up new territory on the map, incorporating areas formerly under Xinjiang and Tibet into Ladakh, which was now a separate union territory. This angered China. Its intrusions across the LAC in Ladakh are thus seen as an act of vendetta.

As far as the newly formed union territory of Jammu & Kashmir is concerned, Wang Shida is of the view that India illegally included areas under Pakistan Administered Kashmir within it.

The abrogation of Article 370 and the downgrading of the state of Jammu & Kashmir into two union territories have altered the status quo. Alterations to the status quo open up a Pandora's Box. They have a snowballing effect. This is proved not only in border disputes that India currently has with China and Pakistan, but also with Nepal, a friendly Hindu country, that has claimed areas in the map that supposedly belong to India.

Needless to say, there will be other implications that the abrogation of Article 370 will have in the months to come. But all we can do is wait and watch.

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Biden, a "Lesser Evil" ? Yes, Trump is an American monster but so is Biden.

Hamid Dabashi

nce again it is presidential election season in the United States and once again progressive critical thinkers who care about the future of our humanity find themselves in a quandary - to get rid of the wicked Donald Trump and his corrupt family and cronies should they or should they not opt to vote for yet another corporatist liberal, Joe Biden. It is deja vu, it is a rerun of a tired old movie, it is Groundhog Day: We had it with Trump and Hillary Clinton last time, and we have it again with the same Trump and even worse Biden now

I completely sympathise with the leading American public intellectuals caught in this snare.

Cornel West, the eminent African American philosopher, for example, says he is planning to cast an "anti-fascist" vote for Biden in November despite his concerns about the former vice president's ties to "Wall Street and militarism". West knows all too well Biden will betray every single ideal and principle for which West stands, but he is so disgusted with Trump - and rightly so - he is doing what in Persian we call "jumping from one crumbling column to another with hope".

The same is true with Noam Chomsky, the worldrenowned linguist and political activist who is also on the record encouraging people "to vote for Joe Biden and then haunt his dreams" - whatever that may mean. Politicians like Trump or Biden do not dream for us to haunt their dreams. They are the definitions of nightmares. Neither Trump nor Biden is to be trusted, and Chomsky knows that. But he is jumping from one crumbling column to another - is it with hope or is it in despair?

The revolutionary thinker and activist Angela Davis too has said she is supporting Biden for president, calling it crucial to back the candidate "who can be most effectively pressured". But really? How so? Biden could not tolerate a single BDS-backing Palestinian activist, Linda Sarsour, taking part in his campaign and swiftly moved to kick her out. That is the sort of zealot Biden is. What sort of "pressure" can one hope to exert on him?

Between a rock and a hard place

Still, the terrorising presidency of Trump and the Dark Ages of ignorance and criminal racism he

has unleashed in the US, make it perfectly understandable why these and many other eminent critical thinkers who would not be caught dead with Biden are now rushing to declare their support for him. They are jumping from one crumbling column to another and forming a strategic alliance in the hopes that once Trump is out of the picture they can charge ahead beyond Biden's perilous promises.

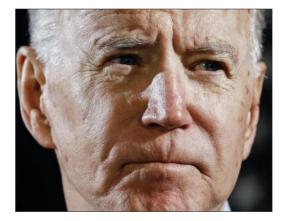
But I write this essay to differ with these towering moral figures and openly declare that I will not vote for Biden. This is not to say I am more principled than them or care less about the consequences of yet another calamitous term of Trump. For the future of my own and millions of other American children I hope and wish for a day he is collected from the White House and taken to prison or asylum - whichever is closer.

But still, I will never vote for Biden for I believe the function of people like me is entirely different from even those among the American left with whom I wholeheartedly identify. The task of critical thinking at this point is not to rush to declare we are voting for Biden - an unrepentant racist and self-declared Zionist with a frightening record of misogyny who has actively supported the Iraq war. We had a far superior choice in Bernie Sanders, but twice in a row, the Democratic Party made absolutely sure to kill his chances.

The task at hand is to sustain the course of critical thinking that could not possibly embrace Biden. Voting for Biden is voting for the very foundation of a political culture that has a whole platoon of Trumps and Bidens waiting to surface. If we choose between Trump and Biden today, next time we will have to choose between Ivanka Trump and Chelsea Clinton. This vicious cycle can only come to an end through a sustained and uncompromising course of critical thinking against the very grain of this political culture that demonises the Black Lives Matter uprising. celebrates neo-Nazis, and canonises Hillary Clinton and Biden as God-given salvation against this murderous banality.

A fateful moment

It was Barack Obama's speech that sealed my decision to never vote for Biden. Up until then, I was thinking to myself that a vote for Biden is not actually a vote for him, but a vote against Trump, alongside other such tall tales and poor excuses. But when Obama took to



the podium and began to get emotional and pleaded for people to go and vote for Biden, right there and then, I decided it would be obscene of me to do so, especially with this hypocritical con man on his side

Every time Obama starts choking up, I remember him crying in public for children who have fallen victim to gun violence in the US, just before going back to his Oval Office to send even more arms to Israel with which to slaughter Palestinian children, or sell them to Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates to kill more Yemeni children. Are Palestinian and Yemeni children not children? Every single human being stands for the entirety of our humanity. How could this coward be so openly cruel and callous when it comes to children in Yemen, Palestine, Afghanistan and beyond, and still pretend to care deeply about America's children?

Biden is even worse than Obama in his die-hard Zionism - in his support for the apartheid state of Israel, in his categorical disregard for Palestinians. Voting for Biden means excusing all the times in the past he helped arm Israel to murder Palestinians. Voting for him means, should he become the next president, siding with him every time he signs - and he will undoubtedly sign many - a new arms deal to support Israel and its murderous tyranny.

Why would any decent human being want to do anything like that? Yes, Trump is an American monster but so is Biden. People like me have no candidate in this election.

The ethics of ultimate responsibility

The task of my sort of critical thinkers is not to jump on the bandwagon and rush to vote for Biden and his running mate, Kamala Harris, reluctantly. Generations of critical thinkers from Rosa Luxemburg to Aimee Cesaire to Frantz Fanon to Edward Said to Arundhati Roy did not live and think and write for us to cast a strategic vote for a reactionary liberal, an unrepentant warmonger, a hardcore Zionist, with a record of racism and alleged sexual abuse. Our task is something else.

In his famous essay, Politics as Vocation (1919), the eminent German sociologist Max Weber made a crucial distinction between an "ethics of responsibility" and an "ethics of ultimate end" that to this day remain a hallmark of a moral choice in politics: "We must be clear," he told his audience at the University of Munich, "about the fact that all ethically oriented conduct may be guided by one of two fundamentally differing and irreconcilably opposed maxims: conduct can be oriented to an 'ethic of ultimate ends' or to an 'ethic of responsibility'." These are two identically ethical acts, but in two diametrically opposed directions.

Weber further clarified: "This is not to say that an ethic of ultimate ends is identical with irresponsibility, or that an ethic of responsibility is identical with unprincipled opportunism. Naturally, nobody says that." Be that as it may, he still insisted: "There is an abysmal contrast between conduct that follows the maxim of an ethic of ultimate ends ... and conduct that follows the maxim of an ethic of responsibility, in which case one has to give an account of the foreseeable results of one's action.'

But in between the two choices Weber left us, emerges a third: An ethic of ultimate responsibility. Our specific and ultimate responsibility today is not to rush to vote for a lesser evil, as I also argued about four years ago when the choice was between Trump and Clinton, but to sustain the course of critical thinking that seeks to overcome both evils. More than 300 million human beings trapped to choose between a Coke and a Pepsi deserve and must strive for a healthier choice. An entire planet at the mercy of US militarism and warmongering most certainly has everything to lose from either of these two American calamities.

The Curious Case Of Women's Inheritance Rights In Kashmir

Ahymon Ayoub

women are conditioned or (precisely) indoctrinated to forgo her property rights in the name of some constructed sense of feminine generosity and benevolence. atriarchy, like any other forms of injustice feeds itself on the detritus of disinformation: by twisting the truths and realities. Unjust societies have a default embedded paraphernalia in place toreproduce themselves in new forms. Such societies incubate the culture of silence over telling issues to the point that they become non-existent or non-issues. One such issue which by the dent of our collective disservice has metamorphosed into a non-issue in Kashmir is the question of women's property rights or the rights of inheritance. Women, over the ages have either been conditioned not to seek her share in property or the subject of women's property rights has been stigmatised into non-existence.

Womenfolk,todayare challenging stereotypes and reclaiming their agency in realms which hitherto were monopolised by men. However, even in the present times, women seem to be inheriting genetic docility when it comes to the question of property rights. Inheritance rights of women guaranteed by Islam long usurped by the patriarchal ghost don't even exist in name; nor is any data available on the subject which makes the case even worse.

While our society keeps strict and detailed manuals of expectations that women must fulfil without fail; educating them about their property rights in particular and other array of rights is apparently deigned subversive. In fact, women are conditioned or (precisely) indoctrinated to forgo her property rights in the name of some constructed sense of feminine generosity and benevolence. While women breaking the silence over the injustice is bound to offend the patriarchal sensibilities, thistopic remains nearly untouched in routine conversations, Friday khutbas, public debates, media and every other platform which could prove to be icebreakers in this regard.

Islamic legislation in this respect is not only comprehensive but based on justice. It provides for the rights of inheritance for both men and women in a way that maintains social equilibrium. The force with which these rights were at first pronounced in Surah Nisa of Quran was subversive to the existing system of inheritance which was managed by men and favourable to men alone. As the verse goes, "men shall have a share in what parents and kinsfolk leave behind, and women shall have a share in what parents and kinsfolk leave behind, whether the property be small or large- a determinate share" (Qur'an, 4 : 7). Further in verse 32 of the same chapter, economic rights of both men and women have been ascertained as,"men shall have a benefit of what



they earn and women shall have a benefit of what they earn".

The aforementioned verses are followed by many other allied verses which lay down the legal framework for inheritance. Surprisingly, in more cases than one, female heirs receive a larger share of property than their counterparts. It is a subject which escapes our notice partly because of tainted social-construction of the subject and partly owing to our fragmented and irresponsible understanding of religion. Islamic legislations aim at ascertaining the overall wellbeing of its adherents which by default includes economic well-being but the entire structure of rights has been foreshadowed by androcentric propensities of the society.

Islam came as a liberatory force for women and toppled male-controlled economic system of that period in favour of women. The whole concept of women's rights of inheritance was alien to the society of 7th century which adhered strictly to the system of male primogeniture.

Being a Muslim majority society, we seem to have deeply cultivated an unjust system against the equitable spirit of our religion. Unfortunately, lavishing our life-time earnings in ostentatious marriages still finds more meaning with us than upholding the rights of already marginalised section of our society. We have reversed the sacred law quite conveniently and established a system of injustice where women are devoid of cultural and economic capital guaranteed to them by their Maker.

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The Lost Word: Acedia A forgotten word which is perfect to describe what we're feeling during the pandemic lockdown

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www.ith some communities in rebooted lockdown conditions and movement restricted everywhere else, no one is posting pictures of their sourdough. Zoom cocktail parties have lost their novelty, Netflix can only release so many new series. The news seems worse every day, yet we compulsively scroll through it.

We get distracted by social media, yet have a pile of books unread. We keep meaning to go outside but somehow never find the time. We're bored, listless, afraid and uncertain.

What is this feeling?

John Cassian, a monk and theologian wrote in the early 5th century about an ancient Greek emotion called acedia. A mind "seized" by this emotion is "horrified at where he is, disgusted with his room ... It does not allow him to stay still in his cell or to devote any effort to reading". He feels:

such bodily listlessness and yawning hunger as though he were worn by a long journey or a prolonged fast ... Next he glances about and sighs that no one is coming to see him. Constantly in and out of his cell, he looks at the sun as if it were too slow in setting.

This sounds eerily familiar. Yet, the name that so aptly describes our current state was lost to time and translation.

Noonday demon

Etymologically, acedia joins the negative prefix a- to the Greek noun k dos, which means "care, concern, or grief". It sounds like apathy, but Cassian's description shows that acedia is much more daunting and complex than that.

Cassian and other early Christians called acedia "the noonday demon", and sometimes described it as a "train of thought". But they did not think it affected city-dwellers or even monks in communities.

Rather, acedia arose directly out the spatial and social constrictions that a solitary monastic life necessitates. These conditions generate a strange combination of listlessness, undirected anxiety, and inability to concentrate. Together



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these make up the paradoxical emotion of acedia.

Evagrius of Pontus included acedia among the eight trains of thought that needed to be overcome by devout Christians. Among these, acedia was considered the most insidious. It attacked only after monks had conquered the sins of gluttony, fornication, avarice, sadness, anger, vainglory, and pride.

Cassian, a student of Evagrius, translated the list of sins into Latin. A later 6th century Latin edit gave us the Seven Deadly Sins. In this list, acedia was subsumed into "sloth", a word we now associate with laziness.

Acedia appears throughout monastic and other literature of the Middle Ages. It was a key part of the emotional vocabulary of the Byzantine Empire, and can be found in all sorts of lists of "passions" (or, emotions) in medical literature and lexicons, as well as theological treatises and sermons.

It first appeared in English in print in 1607 to describe a state of spiritual list-

lessness. But it's barely used today.

Making like monks

As clinical psychology has reclassified emotions and mental states, terms like "melancholy" can sound archaic and moralising.

Emotional expressions, norms, and scripts change over time and vary between cultures. They mark out constellations of bodily sensations, patterns of thought and perceived social causes or effects.

Since these constellations are cul-

turally or socially specific, as societies change, so do the emotions in their repertoire. With the decline of theological moralising, not to mention monastic influence, acedia has largely disappeared from secular vocabularies.

Now, the pandemic and governmental responses to it create social conditions that approximate those of desert monks. No demons, perhaps, but social media offers a barrage of bad (or misleading) news.

Social distancing limits physical contact. Lockdown constricts physical space and movement. Working from home or having lost work entirely both upend routines and habits. In these conditions, perhaps it's time to bring back the term.

More than a label

Reviving the language of acedia is important to our experience in two ways.

First, it distinguishes the complex of emotions brought on by enforced isolation, constant uncertainty and the barrage of bad news from clinical terms like "depression" or "anxiety".

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Second, and more importantly, the feelings associated with physical isolation are exacerbated by emotional isolation – that terrible sense that this thing I feel is mine alone. When an experience can be named, it can be communicated and even shared.

Learning to express new or previously unrecognised constellations of feelings, sensations, and thoughts, builds an emotional repertoire, which assists in emotional regulation. Naming and expressing experiences allows us to claim some agency in dealing with them.

As we, like Cassian's desert monks, struggle through our own "long, dark teatime of the soul", we can name this experience, which is now part of our emotional repertoire.

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Covid-19 May Lead To Declines In Life Expectancy Globally, Study Finds

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he COVID-19 pandemic could life expectancy in the severely affected areas of the world, Austria, who led the study. unless the spread of the disease is contained, according to a study.

on life expectancy for four broad world regions across multiple rates of infection and age groups.

"Our study provides the first as-

cies according to a range of scenarios of prevalence rates over a oneyear period," said Guillaume Marois, cause a short-term decline in from the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) in

Period life expectancy is a measure of the number of years that an The research, published in the average person may expect to live. journal PLOS ONE, examined the Prevalence is the proportion of a impact of COVID-19-related deaths particular population found to be affected by a disease at a specific time.

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Life expectancy has been used as a measure of human development across regions and countries.

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The researchers built a model that simulates the probability of getting proved healthcare, socioeconomic infected by COVID-19, the probability of dying from it, and the probsessment of the potential impact of among the key factors influencing ability of dying from another cause for a period of one year, taking into

account the different fatality rates from the disease for different age groups. They then calculated the impact of COVID-19 on life expectancy by reconstructing life tables and life expectancies from the simulation and comparing them with those used for the inputs.

The study found that at very low prevalence rates, the COVID-19 pandemic would not affect life expectancy.

However, at prevalence rates of only 2 per cent, the disease could cause a drop in life expectancy in countries where average life expectancy is high -- roughly around 80 years.

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Baby Heartbeat Reveals The Stress Of Having A Depressed **Or Anxious Mother**

Agencies

cientists have shown that the babies of mothers dealing dealing with anxiety or depression exhibit physiologically stronger signs of stress than babies of healthy as (irritability, changing mothers when given a

standard stress test. These babies show a significantly increased heart rate, which researchers in 10-20% of women. The fear may lead to imprinted effect of "emotionally disemotional stresses as the tant" mothers for infants child grows up.

The interaction of famous "Still Face Test" mother and infant, espe- (see notes), first devised cially in the early months in the 1970s; mothers of life, plays a huge role were asked to playfully in healthy development. interact with their babies, Some mothers, particu- and then spend a period larly those suffering from where they "blank" all inmood disorders such as teraction, before resuming depression, anxiety, or normal contact. post-natal depression, have difficulties regulat- phase (Still-Face episode) ing infant's negative affection, which is believed ened negative emotionalto create insecurities in ity as well as a reduction the children as they grow older.

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Date:-18/09/020

date for the submission of tender applications is 03-10-2020 Upto 2:30 p.m. and the same shall be opened by the Tender Opening Committee on the same date at 3:00 p.m. in presence of the parties who may wish to remain available for this purpose. The other terms & conditions shall be as under:-1. The bidder is required to submit the Call Deposit Receipt of Rs. 50,000/-

- for the site pledged to the Chief Accounts Officer, Srinagar Municipal Corporation along with the tender application without which no tender shall be accepted or entertained.
- 2. The minimum reserve value fixed of the bid is 3,00,000/-
- 3. The successful bidder shall have to deposit the bid amount in one go after which he will be allowed to run the Car Parking site.
- 4. The term of the contract shall be for 01 (one) year only.
- 5. The contractor shall have to collect the car parking fee from the general public as per the following schedule;

S.No	Name of the vehicle	Fee per vehicle/per trip/per day
1.	Tourist Bus big size	Rs. 100/-
2.	Tourist Bus normal size	Rs. 75/-
3.	School Bus/Mini Bus/Tempo Traveler	Rs. 50/-
4.	Light Vehicle/Four Wheeler	Rs. 20/-
5.	Scooter/Motor Bike/Auto Rickshaw	Rs. 10/-
6.	Bicycle	Rs. 05/-

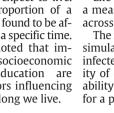
- 6. The orders of the Government issued from time to time shall have to be complied with by the contractor.
- 7. The Competent Authority of the Corporation shall be having the right to accept or reject the bid/bids without assigning any reasons thereof.
- 8. In case there is no response from the general public, the Corporation would be competent to allot the lot/site to the interested party on negotiation basis.
- 9. No extension shall be granted in the term of contract after its expiry.
- 10. The Corporation shall not be responsible for any shutdown, bandh or any disturbance during the contract period.

Office Of The Member Secretary District Tuberculosis Control Society Srinagar Dated:17-09-2020

No: DTC/SGR/RNTCP/337

The following candidates who have applied for the Contractual positions of Senior Treatment Supervisor and Tuberculosis Health Visitor under Revised National Tuberculosis Control Programme and now National Tuberculosis Elimination Programme vide this office advertisement notice published in newspapers on 24th December-2019 are requested to attend the computer practical test at NIELIT formerly DOEACC at SIDCO Electronics Complex, Old Airport Road, Rangreth, Srinagar on the dates and time slots mentioned against each.

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Whereas joint application has been received by this office from Mr.Irfan Faizan Bhat S/O Gh Mohd Bhat R/O Laripora Pahalgam (Party No.1st) as Transferor, (Seller) Owner of the Vehicle Bearing Regd. No.JK03C-7600 (Commercial/ Non-Commercial) covering under R/P No.3586/MC/ANG. and Mr.Mohd Yousuf Magray S/O Mohd Shabir Magray R/O Hardturu(Party No.2nd) as Transferee (Purchaser) requesting for transfer of R/C & R/P of the above noted Vehicle from party No 1st and 2nd. And Cancellation /Endorsement of hire purchase agreement with JK Bank Pahalgam. Before the case is disposed off on its merit, anybody have any objection regarding the proposed transfer Amy file his objection within(7) days from the publication of this notice to the office of the undersigned. No any representation / objection shall be entertained after stipulated period.

Assistant Regional Transport Officer Anantnag

Date:-18/09/20

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER ANANTNAG

NO.ARTO/MVD/ANG/2020/101

NOTICE

Whereas joint application has been received by this office from Mr.Sabzar Ahmad Khanday S/O Sonaullah Khanday R/O Banipora Wandevelgam Kokernag Anantnag (Party No.1st) as Transferor, (Seller) Owner of the Vehicle Scooty Bearing Regd. No.JK03G-9043(Commercial/ Non-Commercial) covering under R/P No.Nill. and Mr.Jamsheed Ahmad Sheikh S/O Gh Nabi Sheikh R/O Peerpora Pehroo Anantnag(Party No.2nd) as Transferee (Purchaser) requesting for transfer of R/C & R/P of the above noted Vehicle from party No 1st and 2nd. And Cancellation /Endorsement of hire purchase agreement with JK Bank Wandevalgam Anantnag.Before the case is disposed off on its merit, anybody have any objection regard-ing the proposed transfer Amy file his objection within(7) days from the publication of this notice to the office of the undersigned. No any representation / objection shall be entertained after stipulated period.

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Estates Officer Srinagar Municipal Corporation

No.SMC/Est/614 **DIPK-NB-2410/20** Dated: 16-09-2020

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eer, Operation and Maintenance (O&M) on, Pulwama

nedpulwama@gmail.com Tender Notice e-NIT NO: O&M/Pul/24of 2020-21, dated 16.09.2020

For and on behalf of Hon'ble Lieutenant Governor of Union Territory of J&K, E-tenders are invited from Class "A" electrical Contractors Registered in CPWD/MES/J&KPDD or other competent authority for the below mentioned work(s). The tender document is available at website http://jktenders.gov.in. Interested bidders may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bids online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below.

Name of the work	Improvement of electrical network in Panchayat Halqa Kangan, Mitrigam, Murran, Dadoora under the jurisdiction of O&M Sub			
Estimated cost	Division Rajporaunder Back to Village Scheme Rs. 21.894 lacs			
Cost of tender document	Rs 2000/-as Treasury Receipt/ Treasury Challan remitted to Major Head 0801-PDD at Treasury Pulwama favouring Executive Engineer O&M Division KPDCL Pulwama.			
CDR amount	Rs 43788/only pledged to Executive Engineer O&M Division Pulwama in the Shape of CDR.			
Date of down load of tender document	From 17.09.2020 to 23.09.2020 (upto 14:00 hrs)			
Last date for uploading of E-tenders	23.09.2020 (up to 14:00 hrs)			
Last date of submitting bids Hard Copy (Optional)	23.09.2020 (up to 16:00 hrs)			
Date of Opening of Technical Bids	24.09.2020 (15:00 hrs) or as convenient to tender opening authority			
Date of opening of financial bids of technically qualified bidders.	Any date convenient to tender opening authority after evaluation of technical bids in the office of undersigned.			
Office where financial bids being opened	Office of the Executive Engineer, O&M Division Pulwama, Kashmir Pin Code 192301 Address near DC office Pulwama kashmir			
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NEWS

US likely to name Qatar as major non-Nato ally

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WASHINGTON: The United States hopes to move forward with naming Qatar as a major non-Nato ally, a status that provides foreign nations with benefits in defence trade and security cooperation, a senior official said on Thursday.

"We're going to move ahead, we hope, with designating Qatar a major non-Nato ally," Timothy Lenderking, the US deputy assistant secretary of state for Gulf affairs, told reporters in a conference call.

A number of officials, including US Secretary of State Mike Pompeo and Qatari Foreign Minister Sheikh Mo-

have MNNA status, including Kuwait and Bahrain, which hosts the US Navy's Fifth Fleet Qatar, host of the largest US military facility in the Mid-

Currently 17 countries

try preferential access to US military equipment and tech-

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eration on training.

dle East, has been locked in a dispute with Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Egypt since 2017.

US officials have recently expressed a desire to sell the F-35 stealth war plane to the UAE after it agreed last month



hammed bin Abdulrahman al Thani, met in Washington earlier this week.

'Major non-Nato ally'' (MNNA) status gives a counto normalise ties with Israel. However, Israeli officials have objected, citing US policy for Israel to maintain a military advantage in the region.

UN Asks Billionaires For Help As 270 Million People Face Starvation

Agencies

United Nations: UN food chief David Beasley called on the world's billionaires on Thursday to step up to help save some 30 million people he said are at risk of dying if they don't receive help from the World Food Programme.

Globally some 270 million people were headed toward the brink of starvation and WFP hopes to reach 138 million people this year, Beasley told the **UN Security Council**

"We need \$4.9 billion to feed, for one year, all 30 million people who will die without WFP's assistance." Beasley said, noting that there are some 2.000 billionaires with a net worth of \$8 trillion and several made billions during the pandemic.

"Lam not making money, but humanity is facing the greatest crisis any of us have seen in our lifetimes," said the former South Carolina governor. The combined wealth of America's billionaires jumped over 19% or by half a trillion since the outbreak of the novel coronavirus pandemic in the United States, according to a report published by the Institute



Russia Approves 1st COVID-19 Prescription Drug For Sale In Pharmacies Agencies

sign Russia is pushing

hard to take a global

lead in the race against

the virus. It is already

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Moscow: Russia has approved R-Pharm's Coronavir treatment for outpatients with mild to moderate COV-ID-19 infections and the antiviral drug could be rolled out to pharmacies in the country as soon as next week, the company said on Friday.

Coronavir's approval as a prescription drug follows the green light for another Russian COVID-19 drug, Avifavir, in May. Both are based on favipiravir, which was developed in Japan and is widely used there as the basis for viral treatments.

R-Pharm's announcement is another sign Russia is pushing hard to take a global lead in for Policy Studies (IPS) in June. the race against the virus. It is already exporting its COVID-19 In the 11 weeks from March 18, when lockdowns started in tests and has clinched several some US states, Amazon.com international deals for supplies Inc founder Jeff Bezos saw his of its Sputnik-V vaccine.

announcement is another on several thousand patients.

with pharmacies about orders, the company's spokeswoman said, with Coronavir supplies expected to be rolled out in the near future, possibly as soon as next week

Pharm's facility in Yaroslavl, about 300 km (186 miles) northeast of Moscow. Avifavir has been available in hospitals since June but has yet to be supplied to pharmacies.

ingredient favipiravir, which is also the key component in Fujifilm Holdings Corp's antiviral drug Avigan, approved in Japan as an emergency influenza treatment in 2014.

ment of COVID-19 patients after a study by UK researchers

R-Pharm has started talks

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Trials to test it against CO-VID-19 are ongoing around the world. Results of a Japanese study in July were inconclusive.

Global virus cases top 30 million, tally shows

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versity tally.

The worldwide count of wealth soar by about \$36.2 bilknown COVID-19 infections lion, while Facebook Inc CEO climbed past 30 million on Mark Zuckerberg's fortune Thursday, with more than half billion of them from just three coun tries: the US. India and Brazil. according to the tally kept by Johns Hopkins researchers. The number increased by 10 million in just over a month; global cases passed 20 million on August 12. The United States leads the by-country count with at least 6,675,560 reported cases, followed by India with at least 5.214.677 and Brazil at 4,455,



London: Confirmed cases of the coronavirus have topped 30 million worldwide, according to a Johns Hopkins Uni-

386, the numbers showed. vary as the university's tally sometimes lags behind country reports.



Pak to introduce legislation to curb rape, child abuse

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Islambad: Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan has said that his government will soon introduce three-tier legislation providing for the registration of sex offenders, exemplary punishment for rape and child abuse and effective policing.

Khan made the announcement while addressing a joint sitting of parliament after the passage of a number of Financial Action Task Force-related bills on Wednesday.

"Such incidents ruin the lives of victims and their families also have to suffer," he was quoted as saying by the Dawn newspaper.

Khan was referring to the gang-rape of a French-Pakistani woman in front of her three children near a highway in Lahore on September 9 which sparked widespread outrage.

One of the suspects wanted in the case was arrested on

Monday arrested and confessed to his crime. Noting that the main sus-

pect in the gang-rape case was a history-sheeter, Khan said that global data indicated that such criminals were repeat offenders and therefore maintaining their data was important.

He said the legislation being prepared would not only provide for exemplary punishment for rape and child abuse offences but would also contain provisions for registration of sex offenders and effective policing, the report said.

He admitted that only a very small percentage of such cases were reported to police in the country.

Even after the arrest of offenders in rape and child abuse cases, their conviction is not easy in absence of proper prosecution and concrete evidence. For this reason, the bill being prepared would also provide for witness protection, he said.

Pakistan govt sends arrest warrants for Nawaz Sharif



Press Trust of india

Islamabad: The Pakistan government has sent arrest warrants through its mission in London for deposed prime minister Nawaz Sharif, who has been living in the UK for medical treatment, a media report said on Friday.

Sharif (70) has been in London since November last year after the Lahore High Court granted him permission to go abroad for four weeks for treatment.

The three-time premier, his daughter Maryam and son-in-law Muhammad Safdar were convicted in the Avenfield properties case on July 6, 2018.

Sharif was also sentenced to seven years in the Al-Azizia Steel Mills case in December 2018, but he was bailed out in both cases and also allowed to go to London for medical treatment. He was given eight weeks to return but failed to come back due to health complications, according to his lawyer. The Pakistan High Commission in London has received arrest warrants sent by the government for Sharif, the Dawn newspaper reported.

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The documents were received on Thursday but the mission did not make an official comment on the development, it said.

However, sources confirmed to the newspaper that the mission had received the papers to serve the arrest warrants on Sharif, who has been living in London for treatment, the report said.

The sources added that all legal formalities and procedures would be followed.

Earlier, the assistant reg istrar of the Islamabad High Court (IHC) directed the foreign secretary to ensure production of the former prime minister before the court on September 22.

The secretary has been told to "cause the production of the appellant (Mr Sharif) through the High Commission of Paki stan in the United Kingdom" by 11 am on September 22. The IHC earlier this week had issued non-bailable arrest warrants for Sharif while dismissing his application seeking exemption from personal appearance in the hearing of appeals against his conviction in the Al-Azizia and Avenfield properties references

Tesla Inc Chief Executive Elon Musk's net worth also rose \$14.1 billion.

by about \$30.1

"It's time for those who have the most to step up, to help those who have the least in this extraordinary time in world history," Beasley said. "The world needs you right now and it's time to do the right thing.'

counts on Twitter safe and secure

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it was applying lessons learned from

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Such accounts will be required

Twitter also encouraged people

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The US also leads in the number of deaths at 1,97,643, followed by Brazil at 1,34,935 and India with a death toll of 84.372, the tally showed. — AP

Twitter Tightens Security For Politicians And Journalists

surged

an Francisco, United States: Twitter on Thursday said it is tightening security of highprofile politicians, campaigns and journalists as a "critical preventative step" ahead of the US presidential election.

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Twitter will be implementing more sophisticated systems to detect suspicious activity and ramp up defenses intended to thwart hackers from taking over accounts, according to the social media platform popular with US President Donald Trump.

"Implementing these security measures is a critical preventative step," the tech firm's safety team said in a blog post.

Twitter maintained that it is "focused on keeping high-profile ac-

"Great Leader, Loyal Friend": Trump's **Birthday Wish For Modi**

ashington: US President Donald Trump greeted Prime Minister Narendra Modi on his 70th birthday, praising him as a "great leader and loyal friend".

Trump was among a host of world leaders, including Russian President Vladimir Putin, British Prime Minister Boris Johnson, and German Chancellor Angela Merkel, who wished PM Modi on his birthday and lauded him for strengthening ties with their countries.

"I would like to extend best wishes and a very happy 70th birthday to the Prime Minister of India, @narendramodi. Many happy returns to a GREAT LEADER and loyal friend!" Trump tweeted on Thursday.

Driver Found Asleep As Self-Driving Tesla Car Breaks Speed Limit: Cops

ttawa: A driver who allegedly set his car to autopilot and then took a nap as it broke the speed limit on a rural Canadian highway has been charged with dangerous driving, police said.

The incident took place near the town of Ponoka in Alberta province, the local force said in a tweet on Thursday

"The car appeared to be self-driving, travelling over 140 km/h with both front seats completely reclined & occupants appeared to be asleep," it said.

According to Canadian public broadcaster CBC, the car was an electric Tesla model set to autopilot and the man charged was 20 years old.

The speed limit on that section of the highway is 110 kilometres per hour (68 mph), it added.

Police Sergeant Darrin Turnbull told CBC that he was "speechless" and had not seen such a case in his twodecade career -- "but of course the technology wasn't there".

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4	ADMISSION NOTICE FOR B.Tech. CS & E PROGRAMME (CUKAT-2020)						
	Central University of Kashmir invites online Applications from the eligible candidates for admission to below mentioned programme of the University for the academic session 2020-21:						
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record body temperatures of a number of people entering

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while the prospective passengers are on the move.

Kapil Bardeja, CEO and co-founder of Vehant Tech-

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Bardeja said that the equipment is reliable, and gener-

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Mumbai," Bardeja said.

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AI-Based Cameras Detect Rail Travellers With Fever, Without Masks



NEW DELHI: Technology has come to the rescue of the Indian Railways--operating 310 passenger, Mail and Express trains as of now across the country--in detecting passengers with coronavirus-like symptoms, as Artificial Intelligence-based surveillance cameras have so far detected 28 passengers with mild fever before they could get on board.

"Central Railway (CR) has taken several measures to prevent Covid-19 spread. In order to effectively scan the passengers for COVIDlike symptoms, CR has set up a body screening facility (FebriEye) at the Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj Terminus (CSMT) and Lokmanya Tilak Terminus (LTT) in Mumbai," CR spokesperson Shivaji Sutar told IANS.

It not only ensures contactless entry for travellers to avoid the spread of coronavirus but also helped detect 28 passengers whose body temperature was above normal.

"They were not allowed to travel by trains and advised to go for medical check-up and further necessary medical action," he added.

The CR is using the Febri-Eye human body screening facility developed by Vehant Technologies, which is a thermal and vision camera that not only measures forehead temperature but also detects face mask and social distancing violations.

Sutar said that FebriEye cameras can cover a large area for scanning, which means these can detect and trains. -- IANS

Harsimrat Kaur Badal's **Resignation From Cabinet** "Too Late": Farmers

AMRITSAR: Farmers across Amritsar called the resignation of the Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) leader Harsimrat Kaur Badal from the Union Cabinet on Thursday as





DAY OUT: An elderly Kashmiri woman carrying a wicker basket full of utensils on her head in Chatwrgam, Pulwama on Friday. KO Photo Abid Bhat

'New Rapid Covid-19 Test With Improved Sensitivity Developed'

esearchers have developed a new rapid test for the detection of the novel coronavirus that can be performed in less than an hour, and with minimal equipment, and "can detect nearly as many cases as the standard CO-VID-19 diagnostic."

With further research, the scientists, including those from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) in the US, said the new test, known as STOPCovid, could be made cheaply enough so that people could test themselves every day.

In the study, published in the New England Journal of Medicine, the researchers showed that the new test detected 93 per cent of the positive cases as determined by conventionally used COVID-19 diagnostic.

"We need rapid testing to become part of the fabric of this situation so that people can test themselves every day, which will slow down outbreak," said study co-author Omar Abudayyeh from MIT.

The researchers hope the test could be further developed for use in point-of-care settings, such as doctors' offices, pharmacies, nursing homes, and schools.

While other tests based on CRISPR



technology provide a method for the the detection of viral pathogens, the scientists said these are more complex than the ones used in point-ofcare testing.

They explained that such tests depend on an RNA extraction process and multiple liquid-handling steps that increase the risk of cross-contamination of samples.

"We developed STOPCovid so that everything could be done in a single step," said Julia Joung, another coauthor of the study from MIT.

"A single step means the test can be potentially performed by nonexperts outside of laboratory settings," Joung said.

In the latest version of STOPCovid, reported in the study, the researchers incorporated a process to concentrate the viral genetic material in a patient sample by adding magnetic

beads that attract RNA. They said this step eliminates the study from MIT.

need for expensive purification kits that are time-intensive and can be in short supply due to high demand.

According to the researchers, this concentration step boosts the test's sensitivity so that it now approaches that of the conventionally used PCR diagnostic method.

'Once we got the viral genomes onto the beads, we found that that could get us to very high levels of sensitivity," said Jonathan Gootenberg, another co-author of the study.

The researchers tested STOPCovid on 402 patient samples -- 202 positive and 200 negative -- and found that it detected 93 percent of the positive cases as determined by the standard US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) PCR test. They said the STOPCovid test works on samples taken using the

less invasive anterior nasal swab. The scientists are currently testing it with saliva samples, which they

said may make at-home tests even easier to perform. "The goal is to make this test easy

to use and sensitive, so that we can tell whether or not someone is carrying the virus as early as possible," said Feng Zhang, a co-author of the

Yogi Adityanath Govt Mulls Ordinance Against 'Love Jihad'

ttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has asked ofto formulate a strategy



going through pre and post-independence laws in the country and neighbouring countries like Nepal

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The 268-page report included

newspaper clippings regarding forc-

ible conversions, international cov-

enants on the right to religion, anti-

conversion laws in neighbouring

Odisha, Arunachal Pradesh, Tamil

Nadu, Gujarat, Rajasthan, Chhattis-

garh, Jharkhand, Himachal Pradesh

and Uttrakhand had made special

laws to ban conversions by force,

It said states like Madhya Pradesh,

states," the report said.

countries and India.

judgments.

Dubai Suspends Air India Flights For Bringing Covid-Positive Passengers

NEW DELHI: The Dubai Civil Aviation Authority has suspended Air India Express flights till October 2 for allegedly bringing passengers with COVID-positive certificates twice during the last couple of weeks, senior government officials said on Friday.

the journey.

Aviation Authority has sus-As per the UAE governpended Air India Express ment rules, each passenger flights from September 18 to October 2, the officials stated. travelling from India need to Both the incidents of pasbring original COVID-negative certificate from RT-PCR sengers flying with COVIDtest done 96 hours prior to positive certificates to Dubai from India on Air India Ex-"Å passenger, who had a

press flights happened dur-COVID-positive certificate ing the last couple of weeks, dated September 2, travelled the officials noted. on Air India Express' Jaipur-When asked about this

matter, Air India Express said it is focusing on reducing the hardship of the passengers and it plans to operate its four Dubai flights, scheduled to operate from India on Friday, to Sharjah instead.

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A PASSENGER, WHO HAD A COVID-positive certificate dated September 2, travelled on

Air India Express' Jaipur-Dubai flight on September 4. A similar incident had happened with a passenger on one of the airline's other Dubai flights previously," said one of the officials.

Map In Nepal's School **Books Show Indian Territories As Their Own**



KATHMANDU: Nepal has in-

troduced new text books in

the school curriculum that

include the country's re-

vised political map showing

three strategically-impor-

tant Indian areas as part of

its territory, amidst a border

India has already termed

as untenable the "artificial

dispute with New Delhi.

Following the endorsement of the new map by the Nepal Cabinet, then government spokesperson and Finance Minister Yuvaraj Khatiwada told the media that the government had decided to update the schedule of the Constitution and school curriculum incorporating the new political map. India in its response said that it had already made its position clear on it.

a new map in November 2019.

"This artificial enlargement of claims is not based on historical fact or evidence and is not tenable. It is also violative of our current understanding to hold talks on outstanding boundary issues," Ministry of External Affairs Anurag Srivastava had said. The Nepal government has also decided to issue coins with the inclusion

enlargement" of the territo- of Kalapani area. The government structed the Nepal Rastra

Bank, the central bank of

Nepal, to mint the coins with

the revised map. An official

at the bank, however, said

that they had no immedi-

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The India-Nepal bilat-

new map within a year.

"very late" saying that the three farmers' ordinances passed by the Centre will destroy Indian farming".

"Harsimrat Kaur Badal ji's resignation has come very late. It's to calm down anger of people. Even today, if Sukhbir Badal ji realises, then he should 'gherao' the Parliament with lakhs of his workers," said Sarwan Singh Pandher, general secretary, Kisan Mazdoor Sangharsh Committee while speaking to ANI.

'The Modi government's decision to pass three ordinances last night will destroy Indian farming and will allow corporates to rule over the farmers," he added. Gurbachan Singh Chabba,

a farmer, said that the ordinances were passed by the Singh Tomar to take the ad-Centre despite protests. "No matter what the govern- istry of Food Processing Inment says, this bill is against dustries.

the farmers and the labourers. We do not want this bill. This bill is not in the interest

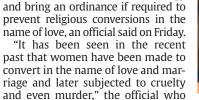
With regard to the resignation of Ms Kaur. he said there was "no point in her resignation which was too

late" and should have been done "a long time back". President Ram Nath Kovind had accepted the res-

of the farmer," he said.

ignation of the SAD leader from the Union Council of Ministers last evening. Furthermore, the Presi-

dent has directed Narendra ditional charge of the Min-



did not wished to be named said. 'Taking a serious note of such incidents, the CM has directed that a

concrete strategy be made to control such incidents," he added. "It has often been seen that this is

being done in an organised manner," he claimed. "If required, an ordinance can be brought for it," he added. The aim is to ensure that such

crimes are checked and effective action is taken against the culprits. All this is being taken into consideration, he added.

In Kanpur, the police had recently set up a Special Investigation Team to look into reports of "love jihad".

Last year, the Uttar Pradesh State Law Commission had submitted a report to Adityanath, suggesting a new law to check forcible religious conversions.

'The report was submitted along with a draft legislation, Uttar Pradesh Freedom of Religion Bill, 2019," law commission secretary Sapna Tripathi had said.

The report was prepared after fraud, marriage or allurement.

THE COMMISSION IS OF THE VIEW THAT EXISTING LEGAL PROVISIONS are not enough to check religious conversions and on this serious matter, a new law is needed like in some other states,

rial claims by Nepal after its Myanmar, Bhutan, Sri Lanka and Pak-Parliament unanimously apistan besides keeping in mind court proved the new political map of the country featuring Lip-The commission is of the view ulekh, Kalapani and Limpithat existing legal provisions are not yadhura areas which India enough to check religious convermaintains belongs to it.

The curriculum Developate plan to mint the coin. ment Centre, under the Minthough preparations are on istry of Education, recently to issue coins worth 1 and published the books with the revised map, information officer at the centre Ganesh Bhattarai told PTI.

The new books titled "Nepal's territory and reading materials for border issues' for the 9th and 12th classes have a preface written by Education Minister Giriraj Mani Pokharel.

Nepal in May released the revised political and administrative map of the country laying claim over the three strategically important areas in Uttarakhand, more than six months after India published

eral ties came under strain after Defence Minister Rajnath Singh inaugurated an 80-km-long strategically crucial road connecting the Lipulekh pass with Dharchula in Uttarakhand on May 8. Nepal reacted sharply to the inauguration of

the road claiming that it passed through Nepalese territory. India rejected the claim asserting that the road lies completely within its territory.

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Parliament Passes Bill To Cut Salaries Of MPs By 30% Amid Cost Cuts Over COVID-19

NEW DELHI: Parliament today passed a bill to reduce for one year the salaries of MPs by 30 per cent "to meet the exigencies arising out of CO-VID-19 pandemic".

Rajya Sabha passed the Salary, Allowances and Pension of Members of Parliament (Amendment) Bill, 2020. It had got the approval of Lok Sabha on Tuesday.

The bill was introduced in the upper house by Parliamentary Affairs Pralhad Joshi on Thursday.

The upper house also Allowances of Ministers (Amendment) Bill, 2020, which proposes to reduce the



salaries and allowances of ministers by 30 per cent for a year, to meet the exigencies arising out of the COVID-19 pandemic.

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Minister of State for Home, passed the Salaries and G Kishan Reddy moved the bill. Both the bills were taken up simultaneously and passed by voice vote.



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On the day when the prime Honorable Prime Minister, but minister turned 70, Bakaya, in personally i just have immense what he claimed as a mark of rerespect for him and for all that spect for the PM, live-streamed he has done for our nation. my himself chanting 'Modiji' in his support for him is never ending channel. If this does not sound and this is just a little gesture all that impressive, the time he of appreciation and nothing spent doing this will certainly more," he wrote. impress you- Bakaya chanted

In the live-stream, the video the name of the prime minister of which isn't currently availfor 24 hours. continuously. able on the internet. Bakava. In the live-stream, he wrote who calls himself 'The Accithat he has been hearing a lot dental Bhakt' on his Instagram

handle, was seen sitting against about PM Modi and he has immense respect for the prime the background which had im-

ages from mythologies and motivational quotes.

The act of 'devotion' evoked mixed response on social media, with some calling it a proof of "growing unemployment" in the country. Ironically, September 17 was observed as 'National Unemployment Day'

by several youths to use Modi's birthday to highlight the government's economic policies,

which they claimed had failed to create jobs.

"Proof enough of growing unemployment and our youth getting mentally affected," wrote one user.

"Personally promoting an unemployed person. Kindly like share and subscribe. Today even I became a revolutionary. All thanks to birthday boy,' wrote another.

"My goodness, I just asked him to drink water, I don't know to feel sorry for him or proud, why would someone do this, it out of my mind," asked a user.

"Can't believe it for last 18 hours, this fellow has been chanting "Modiji", approximately more than 86500 times!," wrote a person who appeared to be keeping tab on the channel.

Defence Official Spying For Pak Held

CHANDIGARH: Haryana Police has arrested an employee of the Military Engineering Wing posted in Jaipur on the charges of passing information related to the Indian Army to Pakistan intelligence Militarv



through WhatsApp and Facebook.

The arrested accused belongs to the Rewari district in Chandigarh.

According to an official release, upon getting information, a special team of Special Task Force (STF), Gurugram arrested the accused last night from bus stand in Dharuhera.

A case in this regard had been registered against him in police station Dharuhera under various sections. An investigation has been initiated in this case. Efforts are being made to gather information by interrogating the accused.

Complete information about the crime will be available after the police remand of the accused.

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