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## News Digest

### Two Medium-Intensity Quakes Hit Ladakh

New Delhi: Two medium-intensity earthquakes of magnitude 5.4 and 3.6 hit the Ladakh region on Friday, the National Centre for Seismology (NCS) said. The first quake of magnitude 5.4 occurred at 4.27 pm at a depth of 10 kms and the second quake of magnitude 3.6 at a depth of 10 kms hit the region at 5.29 pm, it said. The Himalayan region is known for high seismic activities.

### Car Falls Into Kathua Gorge, 2 Dead

Kathua: Two persons were killed and a minor girl seriously injured when a car they were travelling in skidded off the road and rolled down into a 100-feet gorge in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district on Friday, officials said. The car, which was going from Sandhar to Bhoond in the district, skidded off the road and rolled down into the deep gorge at Jandari belt of Basholi area, they said. In the accident, two persons died while a minor girl identified as Pratiksha (8), daughter of Vijay Singh and a resident of Sandhar, was admitted for treatment at Basholi hospital, they said. The deceased were identified as Soom ● P-02

### India, Pak Troops Trade Fire Along LoC

Srinagar: India and Pakistan troops Friday exchanged heavy gunfire along the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir. Around 10:15 pm Friday, Pakistani troops initiated unprovoked ceasefire violation by firing with small arms and shelling with mortars along LoC in Degwar sector of Poonch district, a Defence Spokesperson said. Indian army, he said replied befittingly to the ceasefire violation. "No injury or major damage has been ● P-02

### DGP Awards 25 CRPF Personnel

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police Dilbag Singh has awarded commendation certificate class-1 along with cash reward to 25 CRPF personnel in appreciation of their excellent performance on the counter-militancy front, police said on Friday. While ASI Nounihal Singh has been rewarded with a commendation certificate class-1 along with cash reward of Rs 25,000, Constable Narendra Kumar and Head Constable Rajesh Kumar have been awarded with commendation certificate class-1 along with cash reward of Rs 15,000 each for showing ● P-02

### 2 Sisters Killed After Ambulance Overturns

Srinagar: Two sisters were killed and two others injured on Friday in a road accident in Qazigund area of south Kashmir's Kulgam district. A Srinagar bound ambulance (PB02 BY-1387) carrying two Covid-19 patients Haji Maryam Sheikh and Zareena Shiekh of Kishtwar turned turtle at Nipora area of Qazigund on Friday evening leaving both the women dead, news agency GNS reported. The driver Umer Jehangir and another man identified as Arfan Khan of Poonch suffered injuries in the road accident. According to the report, over speeding was the reason of tragic accident. Meanwhile, police has registered a case and started further investigations in this regard.

### SHOPIAN 'FAKE ENCOUNTER'

## DNA Confirms 3 Slain Shopian 'Militants' Were Labourers

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: The DNA samples of three men who were killed in an alleged fake encounter with the Army in Jammu and Kashmir's Shopian district in July have matched with their families from Rajouri, a senior police officer said on Friday.

Asked whether the three men were indeed labourers, as claimed by their families, and not involved in militant activities, he said it is a matter of further investigation.

The relatives of three youths, belonging to Dhar Sakri village in Kotranka of Rajouri area in Poonch, had lodged a written missing persons report at the local police station after they lost contact with them on July 17.

In their complaint, they informed the police that they had last spoken to the three, who were mainly involved in apple and walnut trading, on July 17 when the youths had informed their families that they had got a room at Ashimpura in Shopian.

Three boys, Mohammad Intiyaz and Ibrar Ahmed, both



File Photo

### 'Who Planted 'Incriminating Material'?', Asks Omar

Former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister Omar Abdullah on Friday questioned the official version that arms and ammunition were recovered from the Shopian encounter site in July after the DNA tests on Friday proved that the three slain men were labourers from Rajouri ● P-02

### It Was A 'Stage Managed Encounter': PDP

The Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) on Friday demanded stern and speedy action against the perpetrators of the Shopian "fake encounter" urging for transparent and time-bound investigation to deliver justice to the families of the victims. ● P-02

residents of Kathuni mohalla of Dharsakri village of Rajouri, and Mohammad Ibrar, a resident of Tarkassi village of Rajouri, ● PAGE 02

THE DNA REPORT HAS COME AND MATCHING HAS TAKEN place," Inspector General of Police (IGP), Kashmir, Vijay Kumar told reporters here.

### MeT Predicts Wet Spell In Kashmir From Today

SRINAGAR: The weather department on Friday predicted two-day wet spell from Saturday during which the plains will receive rains while the upper reaches are likely to receive season's first snowfall.

According to a weather department official, due to feeble western disturbance, light isolated to scattered rain/snowfall will occur over higher reaches of Kashmir and Kargil district most likely during September 26-27th.

"No forecast of any Major Rain/snow for next 2 weeks. Day temperature expected to drop by 4-5 degree Celsius," the official added.

## China Wants India To Vacate Key Heights Before De-Escalation On LAC

Agencies

NEW DELHI: China is insisting that India vacates strategic heights on the south bank of Pangong Lake ahead of talks on disengagement on the LAC, top Indian Army sources said.

During the Corps Commander-level talks, China told India that will not discuss disengagement in eastern Ladakh, the build-up by both sides has triggered a war-like situation over the last four months, till the time ● PAGE 02

### Trump Offers Help To Defuse Border Tension

US President Donald Trump hoped on Thursday that India and China would be able to resolve their current border disputes as he reiterated his offer to help the two Asian giants. "I know that China now, and India, are having difficulty, and very very substantial ● P-02

### Pak PM Assails New Delhi For Kashmir Moves

NEW YORK: Pakistani Prime Minister Imran Khan Friday assailed Indian government and its moves to cement control of Muslim-majority Kashmir, calling India a "state sponsor of hatred and prejudice against Islam."

Khan said that Islamophobia prevails in India today and threatens the close to 200 million Muslims who live there. "They believe that India is exclusive to Hindus and others are not equal citizens," Khan said in a prerecorded speech to the U.N. General Assembly, which is being held virtually amid the coronavirus pandemic.

Khan has frequently criticized the decision by the government of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in August 2019 to strip Jammu and Kashmir's statehood, scrap its separate constitution and remove ● P-02

### PM To Address UNGA Today

NEW DELHI: Prime Minister Narendra Modi will address the United Nations General Assembly for the general debate in the 75th session of the General Assembly on Saturday.

He is scheduled as the first speaker in the forenoon of September 26 (Saturday).

Since the UNGA this year is being held in the backdrop of COVID-19 pandemic. ● P-02

## Two Top Militants Killed In Anantnag Encounter

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Two Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) commanders were killed in an overnight encounter with government forces in Anantnag district of Jammu and Kashmir on Friday, police said.

Based on specific information about the presence of militants in Sirhama area of the south Kashmir district, state forces launched a cordon and search operation on Thursday evening, a police officer said.

He said the search operation turned into an encounter after the militants fired upon the forces, who retaliated.

A tight cordon was maintained throughout the night to prevent the two militants from escaping. They were killed in the exchange of fire this morning, the officer said.

### 4 Youth Injured In Blast Near Gunfight Site

Four youth were injured after some explosive substance went off near the encounter site in Sirhama area of Bijbehara in south Kashmir's Anantnag district on Thursday, official sources said. The incident happened soon after the encounter in which two Lashkar-e-Taiba militants were killed, reported news ● P-02

Incriminating materials, including arms and ammunition, were recovered from the encounter site, he said. Addressing a press ● PAGE 02

### ONE OF THE MILITANTS HAS BEEN

identified as Abu Rehan from Pakistan, who was active since March 2019. The second one has been identified as Adil Rashid Bhat, who was also a Lashkar commander,"

### Two Held With Arms, Cash In Kulgam: Police

Two persons were arrested and a huge quantity of arms, ammunition and cash seized from their possession in south Kashmir's Kulgam district, police said on Friday.

State forces seized a huge quantity of arms, ammunition ● P-02

### '3 Youth Prevented From Joining Violent Path'

Police on Friday claimed to have prevented three youth from joining the "violent path" in Sumbal area of Bandipora district. Bandipora police on its official Twitter handle informed that they prevented 3 youth of Sumbal area from ● P-02

## Covid-19 Claims 23 More Lives In J&K, Toll 1111

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: At least 23 people succumbed to coronavirus in Jammu and Kashmir on Friday, raising the number of fatalities due to the deadly infection across the Union Territory to 1111.

Officials said Friday that 12 more people in Kashmir valley died of Covid-19, while 11 deaths due to the virus were reported from Jammu division. In Jammu, five of the victims were from the J&K's winter capital while two were from Udhampur and one each from Kathua, Doda, Samba and Poonch.

Among others, the victims from Jammu included a 71-year-old of Preet Nagar, a 65-year-old woman from Morh, and a 58-year-old from Janipora Jammu. Regarding Valley, they said, six were from Srinagar, three from Pulwama and one each from Kupwara, Ganderbal and Shopian.

The victims from Valley include 75-year-old woman from Kadi Kadal Srinagar, an 80-year-old from Al Farooq Colony Bemina, a 66-year-old from Rawalpura, a 75-year-old from Bota Kadal, a 60-year-old woman from Hamdania Colony Bemina, a 75-year-old from Chundina Gan-

### 5 Docs, 74 Security Men Among New Cases

Jammu and Kashmir reported on Friday 1218 fresh cases of coronavirus, including 76 travelers, 74 security personnel and five doctors, taking the total number of people infected by the virus to 69832 in the Union Territory. ● P-02

derbal, 66-year-old from Narpura Shopian, an 80-year-old man from Kondbal Pampore, ● PAGE 02

## Appeal In Israel Against Training Policemen Accused Of Abuse In Kashmir

Agencies

DOHA: Dozens of Israeli activists have petitioned the Supreme Court of the Jewish state seeking to bar the country's security forces from training Indian police officers involved in "severe violations" of human rights and international law in Kashmir.

"With this petition, we are trying our best to show solidarity with the people of Kashmir," Al Jazeera quoted Israeli human rights activist Sigal Kook Avivi, one among 40 people behind the petition, as saying.

The document was signed in January after the Israeli Police, Ministry of



Photo courtesy: Twitter

Internal Security and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs refused to pre-screen members of Indian police force from J&K, according to Israeli human rights lawyer Eitay Mack, who filed the petition. As Israel returned to a second nationwide coronavirus lockdown last week, court proceedings are likely to be further delayed.

"The fact that India is 'the largest democracy in the world', and is an important political and economic partner of the state of Israel and Western countries, cannot legally and morally justify providing assistance to specific Indian officers who are involved in grave crimes under international law in Kashmir, by way of training by police in Israel," the petition stated.

Avivi, who has worked among African asylum seekers in Israel, said "as citizens of the world, we want to say we know what is happening to you, we are not ignorant ... we see it, we hear it, we know it." ● PAGE 02



Masrat Zahra Receives Peter Mackler Award

Kashmiri photojournalist Masrat Zahra on Thursday received the Peter Mackler prize for courageous and ethical journalism thanks to her coverage of women impacted by decades of unrest in Kashmir. ● PAGE 02

## In FOCUS Lament Over Lawyer: 'He Would Receive Threats In Front Of His Family'

### Police Forms SIT To Probe Qadri's Killing

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir Police on Friday said it has constituted a special investigation team (SIT) to probe the killing of advocate Babar Qadri who was shot dead by unidentified gunmen here on Thursday.

Speaking to reporters at a press conference here, Inspector General of Police, Kashmir, Vijay Kumar said the case was a top priority for the force and an SIT has been formed to probe it.

I went to the (Qadri's) house this morning and inspected the scene of the crime. We have formed an SIT headed by SP Hazratbal. It ● P-02

A day after losing their assertive son to assassins, family members of the fallen advocate assembled at their ancestral hometown in north Kashmir's Tangmarg area. Amid shrieks and cries, slain Babar Qadri was paid tribute with moist eyes.

By Auqib Javed

SHEIKHPORA, Tangmarg – Barely a day after his pistol-borne assassins showed up at his Srinagar home as clients, the advocate is resting in his grave carpeted by rose petals, shield-

ed by an open tin shack. The visitors mumbled prayers and silently grieved over the passage that rattled Kashmir at the twilight of September 24.

Babar Qadri's assassination made his non-decrepit birthplace an elegiac place overnight. Amid pandemic coronavirus, hundreds of people thronged his Tangmarg home, with moist eyes.

Amid gloom, his relatives and family members took turns to recount his "bravery, kind-heartedness" and the cases he would fight for the "indicted sons of poor" without charging a penny. Insert Pic 1 here



A day after shot multiple-times, in an execution-style, the articulate—now silenced—advocate's mother constantly came out of a mourner tent to enquire,

"Aawkha, Mianiey Yaroo" (Are you home, my beloved?)

However, to crack the case on a priority, Kashmir's top cop, IGP Vijay Kumar on Friday announced the formation of the Special Investigation Team (SIT). "Babar was fearless and would talk very openly," a relative grieving over the loss said.

"The family members had apprehensions about his life because of his controversies with many people. But we never knew that his frank advocacy would end up taking his life."

Insert Pic 2 here Babar's father Syed Yaseen

Qadri mostly sat silent amidst the sentimental swarm surrounding him. His son's killing had once again forced him to return to his roots.

For his Jama'at-e-Islami ties, the senior Qadri had faced the offensive during the early nineties, forcing him to take a shelter in downtown Srinagar, he now calls his home.

But when the same home became insecure for his vocal son—who earlier reported assassination attempts on his life—IGP Kumar said that the advocate was asked to shift to a safe zone. He stayed put until ● PAGE 02

### Qadri's Killing Heartbreaking': APHC

SRINAGAR: Expressing shock and grief over the killing of prominent lawyer Advocate Babar Qadri by unknown gunmen, Mirwaiz led Hurriyat Conference on Friday said that the peaceful resolution of Kashmir was the only way to ensure that precious human lives on all sides are saved from getting consumed.

In a statement issued to media here, a Hurriyat spokesperson termed Qadri's assassination by unidentified gunmen at his Hawal residence as "gruesome ● P-02



## DNA Confirms 3 Slain...

left their homes to work as labourers in Kashmir's Shopian and went out of contact with their families after July 17 late evening. A day later, the Army claimed three militants were killed in Amshi-pura village in the higher reaches of south Kashmir's Shopian. It initiated an inquiry after social media reports indicated that the three men were from Rajouri and had gone missing in Amshipur. The families of the three men claimed they worked as labourers in Shopian and lodged a police complaint. The police also launched an investigation and collected the DNA samples of the three families from Rajouri to match with the slain men. "The DNA report has come and matching has taken place," Inspector General of Police (IGP), Kashmir, Vijay Kumar told reporters here. Asked if he meant that the DNA samples of the three men have matched with the families from Rajouri, he said, "There is positive matching with the families from Rajouri." On whether it had been established that the three men were labourers and not involved in any militant activities, Kumar said, "The police are now taking up further investigations in the case." The Army completed its inquiry into the matter in a record four weeks.

On September 18, the force said it had found "prima facie" evidence that its troops "exceeded" powers under the Armed Forces Special Powers Act (AFSPA) during the encounter and has initiated disciplinary proceedings.

## 'Who Planted 'Incriminating...

district of the union territory. According to this official version, 'incriminating materials, including arms and ammunition, were recovered from the site of encounter'. So who planted this 'incriminating material'? Omar said in a tweet. He was reacting to Inspector General of Police, Kashmir, Vijay Kumar's statement that the DNA match of the three slain men, who were dubbed as militants by the Army, has come positive with those persons who had claimed them to be their kin. These young men were buried somewhere in North Kashmir. It is imperative that the bodies be exhumed & handed over to the families immediately so that a proper burial can take place near their homes in Rajouri district, Omar, who is also the National Conference vice president, said.

On July 18, the Army had claimed three militants were killed in Amshi-pura village in the higher reaches of south Kashmir's Shopian district. It initiated an inquiry after social media reports indicated that the three men were from Rajouri and had gone missing in Amshipur. The families of the three men had claimed they worked as labourers in Shopian and lodged a police complaint. The police also launched an investigation and collected the DNA samples of the three families from Rajouri to match with the slain men.

"The DNA report has come and matching has taken place," Kumar told reporters here on Friday.

Sajad Lone, chairman of Peoples Conference, said he did not expect anything to change due to the latest developments as such cases have happened in the past as well.

Will there be any change? Will the sanctity of human life be restored? No, nothing will change. This encounter was exposed by our media forcing initiation of investigation. As hiding it in today's digital age was not possible. My thoughts with the 3 men murdered in cold blood, Lone wrote on his Twitter handle.

Had this been the first time, one could have hoped it won't happen again. It is not the first time and not the last time. There is no deterrence and in Delhi there is a lot of tolerance for HR violations in Kashmir. Justice will be ornamental unless it is divine, he added.

## It Was A 'Stage Managed...

In a statement issued here, a PDP spokesperson said that that the policy of incentivizing killings has been at the core of many instances of "murder for medals" in the past as well and that it is about time that the government makes Shopian incident an example to ensure justice & create deterrence. "With the statements of the army and the police as well as the conclusive forensic reports, it is amply clear that what happened in Shopian was a staged encounter wherein innocent youth of Rajouri who had come to Shopian to eke their livelihood working as laborers were murdered and passed off as militants. And now is the test for the government to ensure justice to the families by taking the case to its logical conclusion of punishing the guilty," the PDP spokesperson said. "Proofs at hand notwithstanding, the history doesn't inspire much confidence given what happened to similar cases of Pathribal and Machil fake encounters. Where evidence was collected and the crime and criminals established beyond doubt only to see the victims still waiting endlessly for guilty to be punished and justice delivered," he added.

He said it was a high time that the culture of impunity at the cost of human lives ends and legal maneuvering to shield the perpetrators of such heinous crimes is given up.

The PDP spokesperson also condemned the killing of Activist Lawyer Advocate Baber Qadri terming his murder as dastardly and inhuman for which no words of condemnation are enough.

## Pak PM Assails New Delhi...

inherited protections on land and jobs. India's security clampdown has sparked protests, and U.N.-appointed independent experts have called on the Indian government to take urgent action.

Khan, as he did in his speech before the world body last year, said that the very first action that India needed to take was to lift the curfew in Kashmir and then release all detained prisoners. "And then the world community must give the Kashmiris the right of self-determination," he stressed. He also condemned the targeting of Muslims in many countries and provocations and incitement "in the name of free speech."

Despite Khan's outcry at the treatment of Muslims worldwide, Pakistan has not criticized China's assault on its Muslim minority Uighur population. Pakistan's silence, like that of other influential Muslim nations, is linked to its economic ties to China.

### India walks out

The Indian delegate at the UN General Assembly meeting walked out of the hall when Pakistan Prime Minister's statement was played. The delegate Mijito Vinito picked up his papers and left the hall as Khan's speech was played on a large overhead screen.

After Khan's speech, TS Tirumurti, India's permanent representative to the UN, tweeted that the country would use the "right of reply" facility to respond to the Pakistani premier's address.

"PM of Pakistan statement a new diplomatic low – at 75th UN General Assembly. Another litany of vicious falsehood, personal attacks, war mongering and obfuscation of Pakistan's persecution of its own minorities & of its cross-border terrorism. Befitting Right of Reply awaits," Tirumurti said in his tweet.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to address the UN General Assembly through a video statement on Saturday.

## PM To Address UNGA Today...

it is being conducted mostly virtually. Prime Minister's address will, therefore, be via a pre-recorded video statement broadcast at the UNGA hall in New York. The theme of the 75th UNGA is 'The future we want, the United Nations we need, reaffirming our collective commitment to multilateralism - confronting the COVID-19 through effective multilateral action'. Prime Minister Modi is also expected to touch on India's priorities at the United Nations. According to observers, India's focus at the UN is to promote the strengthening of global action on counter-terrorism. India will push for more transparency in the process of listing and delisting of entities and individuals in the sanction committees. Being one of the largest troop-contributing countries to the peace missions, India will seek to engage intensively in finalizing mandates for the UN peacekeeping mission. India will continue active engagement on issues relating to sustainable development and climate change. Promoting its role as a net health service provider, India will highlight its contribution in the global cooperation against COVID-19 through aid to more than 150 countries and as a pharmacy to the world. This year is also the 25th anniversary of the Fourth World Conference on Women and India will reiterate its commitments and achievements in women-led development. India will also refer to its role as a South-South development partner, especially in the context of the India-JN Development Partnership Fund. According to analysts, India is committed to the idea of global partnership under SDG 17 including that on climate change and

the International Solar Alliance has been created as a step in this direction. India will also be a non-permanent member of the UNSC for two years beginning January 1 where a "5-S approach" of "Samman (Respect), Samvad (Dialogue), Sahyog (Cooperation), Shanti (Peace) and Samridhhi (Prosperity) will be followed"

## Two Top Militants Killed In...

conference here, Inspector General of Police (IGP), Kashmir, Vijay Kumar said the two militants were Lashkar commanders.

"One of the militants has been identified as Abu Rehan from Pakistan, who was active since March 2019. The second one has been identified as Adil Rashid Bhat, who was also a Lashkar commander," he said.

"Bhat was involved in an attack on two policemen at Nowgam on August 14," the IGP said, adding that he had decamped with an INSAS rifle which was recovered from the encounter site.

The killing of the two militants is a huge success for the forces, he said. Kumar said LeT militants were also behind the killing of Bhupinder Singh, Block Development Council chairman, Khag, in central Kashmir's Budgam district.

Singh was shot dead by militants on Wednesday evening. After touring his area, Singh dropped his two personal security officers (PSOs) at Khag police station and left for his home, the IGP said. "He then went to his village, about 10 to 12 kilometres from there, in his private car without informing the police. We have suspended the two PSOs," he said. "Investigations are on and two suspects have been called. SP Budgam is himself investigating the matter. Perhaps the militants had known that he was coming home. We have taken all the details and will solve this case soon," Kumar said.

Prima facie, from his call and location details, names of two Lashkar militants have come up LeT commander Yousuf Kandroo and Abrar from Narbal, he said.

On the killing of an assistant sub-inspector of the Central Reserve Police Force in Wadipora, Budgam, Kumar said the attack was carried out by Jaish-e-Mohammed (JeM) as M-4 cartridges were found at the spot. "M-4 is usually used by JeM militants," he said.

Responding to a question, Kumar said 170 to 200 militants are active in Kashmir.

On the alleged custodial death of a man, Irfan Ahmad Dar, in Sopore area of Baramulla last week, the IGP said the matter is being investigated even as a magisterial inquiry is on.

He said two policemen have been suspended because Dar had fled from their custody.

Protests erupted in north Kashmir's Sopore town after Dar (23) allegedly died in police custody on Tuesday.

While the police claim Dar was an overground worker and his body was found after he escaped from custody, his family claims it was a "murder in custody".

Asked about the recent spike in militant attacks, Kumar said Pakistan is trying to create a "fear psychosis" by asking militants to carry out killings of innocent people.

For the last few months, especially since March, Pakistan has been instigating a lot through digital media and sending arms and ammunition through drones or manually, he said.

"We should not be worried about such incidents," the IGP said. When there is some action by militants, there is a proactive action from the side of security forces as well, he said.

On the hit list released by The Resistance Front (TRF), a new militant outfit, comprising names of police officers, activists and others, Kumar said the police will conduct a security review of those named in it. "The TRF is not a real organisation, but a virtual one. It is an offshoot of the LeT. The police will undertake a security review of all the people mentioned in the list prepared by the TRF," he said.

## 4 Youth Injured In Blast...

agency GNS. They said that the many people rushed to the encounter site and there was explosion as a result of which four youth— Irfan Ahmad, Mohammad Yaseen Rather son of Mohammad Maqbool, Shahid Yousuf son of Mohammad Yousuf Sheikh and Mudasar Ahmad Magray son of Gul Mohammad Magray were injured adding that two of them have been shifted to Srinagar hospital and two others shifted to Bijbehara Sub district hospital. A police officer confirmed the injuries to four persons. However he said that it was not immediate known what kind of explosive burst.

## Two Held With Arms, Cash...

and cash from a vehicle in Qazigund area of the south Kashmir district during a search on Thursday, a police official said. He said two persons were arrested in this connection. Police have registered a case and investigation has been taken up, the official said.

## '3 Youth Prevented From...

taking the violent path. "Parents are in particular requested to guide, counsel and be in touch of their children to prevent them from being misguided by negativity. Stay alert stay safe," the tweet reads. Meanwhile, local news agency KNO quoted an unnamed senior police officer as saying that the identities of the youth cannot be disclosed. "The youth were taken to police station where they were properly counselled in presence of their family members and after which they were handed over to their families," he said.

## Covid-19 Claims 23 More Lives...

an 80-year-old man from Noorpora, a 30-year-old of Uthmulla Pulwama, a 67-year-old man from Hundi Kupwara, a 70-year-old man from Lasjan. With these deaths, the number of people who have succumbed to the virus has gone up to 1111 in Jammu and Kashmir. (With GNS inputs)

## 5 Docs, 74 Security Men...

While Jammu division reported 642 new cases, the remaining 576 were confirmed by officials from Kashmir Valley. Giving the district-wise breakup, officials said Srinagar reported 224, Budgam 61, Baramulla 64, Pulwama 51, Anantnag 36, Bandipora 26, Kupwara 31, Ganderbal 53, Kulgam 5, Shopian 25, Jammu 240, Rajouri 44, Udhampur 60, Kathua 39, Doda 61, Samba 30, Poonch 51, Ramban 48, Reasi 14 and Kishtwar 55. Meanwhile, officials said 1478 more COVID-19 patients have recovered and were discharged from various hospitals— 805 from Jammu Division and 673 from Kashmir Valley.

## China Wants India To Vacate...

India vacates the strategic positions. Chinese People's Liberation Army troops are adamant on resolving the situation first on the south bank where the Indian troops are in position of strength tactically, but India wants a roadmap for de-escalation all along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh to be drawn out. India stated, during the talks, that all friction areas, including Depsang, should be discussed for disengagement all along the LAC. "Why should discussions be restricted to one or two places when there is a massive build-up all across the LAC," a top Indian Army officer said.

India has occupied critical mountain heights on the south bank of the Pangong Lake, including Rechin La, Rezang La, and Mukpari that were unmanned till now. This step, along with some others peaks it holds, allows India to dominate the Spangur Gap under Chinese control and also the Moldo garrison on the Chinese side.

This has irked the PLA which has made multiple attempts to dislodge Indian troops, leading to instances of warning gunshots being fired. India had changed the rules of engagement after the Galwan Valley clash of June 15 where 20 Indian soldiers and unknown number of Chinese soldiers were killed.

Chinese had attacked Indian troops with medieval barbaric weapons like iron-studded clubs.

After that, the Indian Army had empowered its commanders on the ground to take a decision whether to use firearms if their troops face a life-threatening situation and this has been communicated to China as well, sources said.

The Indian Army has also put barbed wire obstacles near the heights under its control at the LAC, signalling to the Chinese not to enter its territory. Three days ago, the Indian and Chinese sides, in a joint statement, after the 14-hour-long diplomatic-military talks in Moldo said that both have agreed to implement the consensus reached by their leaders over the border issue.

On September 21, senior Indian and Chinese commanders held the 6th round of Military Commander-Level Meeting.

"The two sides had candid and in-depth exchanges of views on stabilising the situation along the LAC in the India-China border areas," Indian Army had stated.

"They agreed to earnestly implement the important consensus reached by the leaders of the two countries, strengthen communication on the ground, avoid misunderstandings and misjudgements, stop sending more troops to the front line, refrain from unilaterally changing the situation on the ground, and avoid taking any actions that may complicate the situation."

The two sides also agreed to hold the 7th round of the Military Commander-Level Meeting as soon as possible, take practical measures to properly solve problems on the ground, and jointly safeguard peace and tranquility in the border area.

It was for the first time that the Indian delegation had two Lt Generals, two Major Generals and a Joint Secretary from the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA).

Headed by Lt Gen Harinder Singh, Commander of the Leh-based 14 Corps, the Indian delegation also had Lt Gen P.G.K. Menon from the Army headquarters in Delhi. Menon will eventually take over Commander of the 14 Corps in November.

Joint Secretary, East Asia, Navin Srivastava was there to ensure that deliberation with China takes place on an agreed five-point roadmap, including quick disengagement of troops, between both the countries. The countries reached the five-point roadmap during the talks between External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and his Chinese counterpart Wang Yi in Moscow on September 10.

India and China are engaged in a four-month-long standoff at the LAC in Eastern Ladakh. Despite several levels of dialogue, there has not been any breakthrough and the deadlock continues.

## Trump Offers Help To Defuse...

difficulty. And hopefully, they will be able to work that out," Trump told reporters at the White House.

"If we can help, we would love to help," he said.

The president's remarks in this regard come days after senior Indian and Chinese military commanders held talks aimed at resolving the months-long standoff along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in Ladakh. The two countries agreed to stop sending more troops to their disputed border in the Himalayas.

Meanwhile, The Wall Street Journal reported that the border conflict is pushing India to look for an asymmetric response: flexing its naval might.

"India is intensifying joint naval maneuvers with the US and its allies while building new ships and setting up a network of coastal surveillance outposts that would allow New Delhi to keep an eye on the Indian Ocean's maritime traffic," the newspaper said.

A "Grand Tamasha" podcast with senior fellow and director of the South Asia Program of Carnegie Endowment for International Peace, eminent American expert on India and South Asia Ashley Tellis said the Trump administration has taken a very transparent position of support for India in this crisis.

"And, of course, it is motivated in part by the opportunities to confront China on a grander scale, which sort of makes it part and parcel of the US's own bilateral problems with China. But I think there is something more going on here. And the more is that I do not think the United States had the alternative of doing otherwise.

"That is, Chinese aggression in this instance has been so blatant that the United States could not stand by and either ignore it or not come to India's defence," said Tellis, the Tata Chair for Strategic Affairs.

"What are the issues here? We all agree that those borderlands along the Himalayan territories are undefined. We all agree that they should be negotiated, delimited, demarcated through a peaceful process. We all agree that the agreements that China and India have repeatedly reached among themselves since the 1990s actually offer a good enough framework for how to resolve this dispute over the long term," he added. What China has done is that it has thrown all those understandings overboard, Tellis said. "And it is very important to recognise this that whatever the provocations may have been, the provocations created by Article 370 or whatever, I do not think they justified a reaction of this kind. Because a diplomatic provocation should have, you know, elicited a diplomatic response, rather than a quick jump to military action, which has enormous risks.

"By China taking the step to move quickly to military action, which has now resulted in loss of lives, I think it has put itself on the opposite side of the United States, which is arguing more loudly than ever for a rules-based community," he added.

"And so, even beyond the Trump administration's own bilateral problems with China, I think they were left in absolutely no position but to support India on this count and I think even a Democratic administration would have done the same in these circumstances," Tellis said.

## Appeal In Israel Against...

In May, the Israeli government asked the Supreme Court to dismiss the petition, as any attempt to investigate or screen Indian police officers would be considered an intervention into India's internal affairs – which could damage relations between the two nations.

India and Israel signed a comprehensive agreement in 2014 to cooperate on issues related to "public and homeland security", including fighting organised crime, money laundering, human trafficking and counterterrorism operations.

International rights groups have accused Israeli forces of using excessive force against Palestinians and restricting their movements in territories Israel occupies illegally.

The use of live ammunition, shooting civilians at checkpoints, torture of detainees, arrest of children and extrajudicial killings are well-documented since Israel occupied large parts of Palestine in 1967.

Avivi said, in light of Israel's ill-treatment of Palestinians and migrants in the occupied territories, it was vital to understand that the country's forces training military and police abroad "ends up further hurting people around the world".

### 'Nefarious institution'

More than half a million Indian forces are deployed in Kashmir – home to some 12 million people – to quell a decades-old armed rebellion against Indian rule.

### 'We can't sit quietly'

Activist Avivi and Knesset member Cassif both have little optimism, if at all, that the case can be won in the Israeli Supreme Court, citing previous examples when the court dismissed similar petitions.

In July, the court dismissed a petition demanding that foreign diplomats who were war criminals should be refused visits to Israel's Holocaust Memorial. The court said it could not interfere in the diplomatic issues and choices of the Israeli government.

Cassif said if the court were to rule in their favour, "to a certain extent, it would be unprecedented". Despite what the final ruling may be, Avivi said she and the petitioners wanted their opposition to be on paper.

"We understand that it [the petition] won't be successful, but we can't just sit quietly," Avivi said, according to Al Jazeera.

## Masrat Zahra Receives ...

"To work in this industry is to bring the truth," the 26-year-old journalist said during a virtual ceremony. Zahra's work shines a light on the stories of women who would otherwise likely be forgotten in deeply patriarchal South Asia. "My pictures offer a glimpse of the everyday struggle of the people in Kashmir," said the 12th journalist to receive the Peter Mackler prize, distributed by the Global Media Forum in partnership with Agence France Presse and Reporters Without Borders.

"It gives a voice to the ones silenced by the conflict," she continued. Zahra said that being a Muslim woman "amplifies" her anxiety as a journalist working in such conditions – but her identity also drives her work. The award was established in 2008 to recognise courageous and ethical journalism. "Masrat Zahra exhibits the very qualities that my late husband, Peter Mackler, fostered in the new generation of reporters whose path he crossed," said Catherine Antoine, president of the Global Media Forum Training Group and founder of the award.

"Masrat's complete dedication to reporting the story, no matter the risks, along with her mental fearlessness and creative approach to use any medium at her disposal to bear witness to the world made our choice easy."

## Lament Over Lawyer: 'He ...

"We told the unmasked duo to have a seat and enquired the purpose of their meetings with our son," a family member told Kashmir Ob-

server. "They said they need to meet Babar to discuss the case."

For the family, it was nothing unusual, as their lawyer son would usually attend clients at home and discuss their cases.

As the assassins entered the advocate's room, they started firing at him and left like a "bullet".

"We came out of our rooms and saw Babar running towards us. He



was shot and bleeding profusely. 'Zafar, Mahe Layikh Goole' (Zafar, I have been shot) he told his brother," the family member said.

He was rushed to the hospital but was declared brought dead by the doctors at SKIMS.

"I can't forget his head," the family member continued. "It had a hole and the blood was oozing profusely."

### Insert Pic 3 here

At his ancestral home, not only his friends and relatives, his clients—whose cases he would fight without charging any fee—were equally wailing his passing.

"I'm fighting a case against government gunman Papa Kashtwari, who killed my father," said Zahoor Ahmad of Nishat, Srinagar, who had turned up for condolence. "My counsel was advocate Babar Qadri. For years he didn't charge a penny for the case."

Not only that, the family member said, the fallen advocate would arrange fares and give monetary help to many poor families, whose kin were detained in militancy or stone-pelting cases.

### Insert Pic 4 here

After his stint with student politics, Qadri had started practicing law in



2008 and shortly became known for taking up cases for detained juveniles. He launched the All J&K People's Justice Party and had named himself its President. Following this, his membership of the Kashmir High Court Bar Association (KHCBA) was suspended.

But over the year, the 40-year-old lawyer became a regular TV debater, known for calling spade a spade.

"We would usually scold him for his appearance in TV debates but he would say 'who will talk on behalf of Kashmiris'," his father Syed Yaseen Qadri told Kashmir Observer.

"He would tell his father, 'if you had given service for the Kashmir cause throughout your life, why wouldn't I? But I want to do it in my own style,' a family relative said.

### Insert Pic 5 here

Back in his home, his inconsolable friends describe him a "lion" who would roar in front of anyone.

"He was not hardcore, but he would have argument with his colleagues at court but on next day he would say sorry and spread smiles on their faces," said Advocate Shafqat Nazir, Babar's close friend. "It's unbelievable that he is no longer with us."

Before he was shot dead, the senior Qadri said his son would receive threats in-front of his family.

"Even the last time," his father said, "BJP Spokesman Sambit Patra told him in a live TV show, 'Babar, tum abi zinda hou' (Are you still alive, Babar?)"

## Police Forms SIT To Probe...

will include a legal expert apart from senior officers of the police.

"The SIT has been asked to investigate the matter and solve the case immediately and ascertain which militant and outfit was involved in the incident, Kumar said. Qadri was shot at by unidentified militants at his residence in the Hawal area of the city Thursday evening. He succumbed to the injuries on the way to a hospital.

Kumar said the assailants would be arrested or neutralised soon.

We will arrest them as soon as possible and if we cannot arrest them, we will try to neutralise them in an encounter. This case is a top priority for us, the IGP said. Giving details about the incident, Kumar said two persons posing as clients with files in their hands and faces covered with masks came to Qadri's house Thursday evening.

They called the lawyer saying that they want some suggestion for an accident case. When the lawyer came down, they fired upon him indiscriminately with a pistol. He received four bullets in his head and succumbed to injuries on the way to a hospital.

"When the militants were fleeing, they fired a few rounds in the air. We are assessing the CCTV footage from a camera installed nearby, he said. The IGP said the Qadri's car was fired upon in 2018 and he had a threat perception but had declined to shift to a safe zone.

"A police officer, who is a relative of Babar, had requested him to shift from Hawal area to a safe zone, but the lawyer declined. Local police officers also said they were requesting him to shift for the last one week as the locality was congested and the police patrolling was difficult.

"He (Qadri) had said he did not want to leave his house. I have seen the tweet by him about danger to his life. Unfortunately he had not tagged the Kashmir police in that tweet, but Jammu police, Kumar said. The IGP appealed to people – whether protected or not – who face a threat to approach the police.

Babar had not shared any such thing with us, otherwise we would have shifted him to a safer place, he said.

## Qadri's Killing Heartbreaking'...

and heartbreaking". Hurriyat expressed with the bereaved family and prayed for the departed soul. "As the conflict lingers another precious life falls prey to it. APHC reiterated that the resolution of the Kashmir dispute peacefully is the only way to ensure that precious human lives on all sides are saved from getting consumed in it," the Hurriyat spokesperson said. APHC, he said also condemns the continued witch hunt of youth, traders, families of Hurriyat leaders and activists and others by various government agencies.

## Car Falls Into Kathua Gorge,...

Singh (55), a resident of Sandhar, and Darshno Devi (50), a resident of Sialag. A police team from Basmoli reached the spot in Jandarli and started investigation.

## India, Pak Troops Trade Fire...

reported on own side," he said. Today's ceasefire violation comes a day after Pakistani troops breached truce in Sunderbani sector of Rajouri district.

## DGP Awards 25 CRPF Personnel

excellent presence of mind and swift action during a militant attack on 17 August 2020, a police spokesman said. Twenty-two other CRPF personnel were awarded commendation certificate class-1 along with a cash reward of Rs 5,000 each. The spokesman said the DGP has expressed hope that these officers and personnel will continue to work with the same zeal and zest and earn more and more rewards and honours for their force and themselves.



# Action oriented approach fundamental aim of B2V3: Kansal

Reviews preparations for upcoming B2V3

SRINAGAR : Principal Secretary Power Development & Information, departments, Rohit Kansal today reviewed the arrangements regarding the flagship "Back to Village-3 (B2V3) programme starting from 2nd October to 12th October, 2019 at Civil Secretariat here.

Commissioner Secretary GAD, Manoj Kumar Dwivedi, Secretary Rural Development and Panchayati Raj, Sheetal Nanda, Secretary Planning, Development, Monitoring and Disaster Management Departments, Simrandeep Singh, Director Information and Public Relations, Dr. Syed Sehrish Asgar was also present during the meeting while all the Deputy Commissioners of Kashmir, Jammu Divisions, Chief Engineers of PDD, Jal Shakti of both divisions participated in the meeting through video conferencing.

While chairing the meeting, the

Principal Secretary stressed upon the DCs that the fundamental objective of B2V3 programme should be an action oriented approach on all the works that have been allotted or started during the previous two Back to Villages programmes.

He impressed upon the Deputy Commissioners that the plan for works to be carried out in this phase of B2V should be prepared well in advance besides arrangements for holding Gram Sabhas, Ward Sabhas, Bal Sabhas and Mahila Sabhas should be done earliest and the public should be made aware about these programmes beforehand.

Kansal instructed the DCs that a proper mechanism should be developed regarding segregation of grievances received during the B2V3. He added that the public should also be intimidated about the

status of these grievances in a proper time frame.

Highlighting the need of departmental coordination during the programme, the Principal Secretary maintained that B2V is entirely an inter departmental effort. He directed the DCs to ensure that all departments are represented during the B2V3 programme besides specified counters of all departments should be established in each visiting block highlighting different beneficiary schemes and other programmes for the general public.

Terming this phase of B2V village has a unique affair, Kansal informed the meeting that during B2V3 Safai Abhiyan in all Panchayats should be carried out with other activities like mega Gram Sabha and sports programmes. He asked the DCs that people should be

encouraged about using dustbins and biodegradable materials so as to maintain cleanliness in their surroundings. He directed them to hold awareness camps in each panchayats for the same besides other mediums should also be used to maximize the reach of the information disseminated.

Kansal impressed upon the DCs that they should establish Control Rooms for B2V3 programme in their respective districts and directed them that they should hold a meet with visiting officers of Panchayats before and after B2V3 programme.

He further instructed the DCs that the visiting officers should be provided with information regarding languishing projects, major developmental plans and schemes carried in the district, besides action taken report on all the works

carried out during B2V1 and B2V2 should also be given to each visiting officer. He directed them that a detailed meeting with all the line officers in their districts should be held before the actual start of B2V3.

Speaking during the meeting, Commissioner Secretary GAD, Manoj Kumar Dwivedi stressed upon the officers that they should develop an appropriate training schedule for all the visiting officers of the Panchayats as this phase of B2V is much larger than the earlier phases.

The Principal Secretary impressed upon the Deputy Commissioners that the upcoming Block Diwas on 30th September will be the main activity before the actual start of B2V3. He directed them to ensure that reports on all the developmental works going on in their respective districts are submitted before the final Block Diwas day.

## Hail Storm Causes Damage to Apple Orchards

Srinagar: A strong wind and hail storm uprooted trees and caused damage to orchards and fresh fruits in Shadab Karewa of South Kashmir's Shopian district on Friday evening. Reports said that fruit laden trees and standing crops were damaged and a number of trees were uprooted after a windstorm struck the area.

Following the wind and hailstorm,

power supply was also snapped due to the breaking of electric poles and cables.

They said that strong winds also caused damage to many residential houses.

Windstorm also caused damage to some shops in the Charar-e-Sharif area of Central Kashmir's Budgam district.

MeT has predicted intermittent rainfall on 26 and 27 of this month.

## Poor Can't Afford Flu Vaccine, Make it Free: DAK

Srinagar: Doctors Association Kashmir (DAK) on Friday urged health authorities in Kashmir valley to provide free flu vaccine to poor people.

"That would increase vaccine uptake and save lives," said DAK President and influenza expert Dr Nisar ul Hassan.

"Poor are not getting vaccinated against the flu and cost is the barrier. One flu vaccine costs Rs 1680. High cost of the vaccine keeps it out of reach for poor people," he said

"The price makes the flu vaccine inaccessible to the poor," he said adding "unaffordability of the vaccine is putting the lives of poor people at serious risk."

"Unvaccinated individuals not only risk themselves, but they put the health of the whole community at risk."

He said vaccination is the single best defense against flu and should be done before the start of flu season which begins in October and can last as late as May.

Flu vaccine reduces illnesses, doctors' visits, hospitalization and death.

Dr Nisar said this year it is more important than ever to get the flu vaccine to reduce the spread of flu and keep the healthcare system from being overtaxed with continued surge of Covid-19 infection.

Studies have indicated that flu vaccine reduces the risk of severe Covid-19 infection by improving your innate immunity.

"This season's flu vaccine is vital to avoid dual epidemics of flu and Covid-19 that could overwhelm the already burdened health care system."

He said while the vaccine is recommended for all, it is especially needed in young children, elderly, pregnant women and people with medical conditions.

"With re-opening of schools and flu season about to begin, it is vitally important to vaccinate your kids now," Dr Nisar said.

"Children 6 months through 8 years getting vaccinated for the first time and those who have received only one dose in their life time should get two doses of vaccine this season spaced at least 4 weeks apart," he said

## Volleyball Tourney Held in Bandipora

BANDIPORA: Nadim Memorial Volleyball Championship-2020 concluded here, with Aragam Volleyball team winning the title.

The Additional Deputy Commissioner (ADC) Bandipora, Zahoor Ahmad Mir who was also Chief Guest on the occasion distributed prizes among the winners.

The tournament was played on a double knockout basis. In the nail biting finish Aragam won the title by defeating Saderkoot Bala by 3-0. Sajid Pathan was declared Man of the Match for his outstanding performance.

In-charge Sports Activities, Youth Services and Sports, Peerzada Khurshid Ahmad Shah said 16 teams from various villages of the district participated in the said championship in all age categories.

Speaking on the occasion, ADC said that the youngsters of Bandipora have showcased an exceptional performance in different activities and received recognition at national and international level.

He said the district administration has taken up the task to provide better sports infrastructure at village level so that the youth are able to polish their skills to perform better in competitions.

Mir said during the two phases of Back to Village program and the ongoing Jan Abhiyan campaign, the district administration took up the task to construct playgrounds in each Panchayat under MGNREGA and 14th FC so that local youth are provided a space to spend their leisure time in productive work.

## Office of the Executive Engineer Flood Control Division Kakapora

NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Short term E-NIT NO.12 OF 2020-21 (e-Tendering)  
For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of J&K, e-Tenders are invited on item rate basis from approved and Eligible Contractors registered with J&K Govt. for the following works.

S. NO.	Name of work	Adv. Cost In Lakhs	Time of Completion	Cost of Tender Doc. In Rs.	Earnest Money in. Rs.	Class of Contract	Head of Account
1	Construction of flood protection work on Sasara Nallah at Trichal from land of Wali Mohammad Bhat to Bashir Ahmad Mir Panchayat Halqa Trichal Block Pulwama	7.83	15 days	800/-	15660/-	CEE/ DEE	MH-4515 B2V Programme

Position of Funds: - Committed  
No. of works Advertized: - (01) No)

1. The Bidding document consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings, Set of terms and conditions and other details can be seen/downloaded from the Departmental website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) as per schedule of dates given below.

01	Date of issue of Tender Notice	24-09-2020 (06.00 pm)
02	Date of start of downloading.	24-09-2020 (06.00 pm)
03	Bid submission start date Technical/ Financial.	25-09-2020 (10.00 am)
04	Bid submission end date.	01-10-2020 (04.00 pm)
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- The date and time of opening of Technical Bids shall be notified on departmental website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial Bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online on same web site in the office of the Executive Engineer Flood Control Division Kakapora. The bid for the work shall remain valid for period of 90 days from the date of opening of bid.
- The earnest money shall be forfeited if-  
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## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER IRRIGATION & FC DIVISION BARAMULLA

CORRIGENDUM TO E- TENDER NOTICE NO.11 of 2020-21  
Issued under Endstt. No. I&FCDB/2043-64

Dated 19-09-2020

Due to oversight/technical error while uploading the BOQ of S. No. 02 & 03 of e-tender No. 11 of 2020-21, the work at S.No.02 & 03 are hereby cancelled with immediate effect.

All other quantities, units, Rates, dates, terms & condition shall remain same as laid down in the said e- tender notice.

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## SAD DEMISE



With profound grief and sorrow, it is to inform that Haseena Bashir, wife of Late Bashir Ahmad Mir Resident of Tankipora Dadi Kadal Srinagar at present Usmania Colony Shahdab Lane Bagh-e-Mehtab Srinagar has passed away on 25-09-2020. There will be no congregational fateha khawani in view of COVID-19 pandemic.

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## This Day In History

- 46 BC - Julius Caesar dedicates a temple to his mythical ancestor Venus Genetrix in accordance with a vow he made at the battle of Pharsalus.
- 1901 - Great Britain annexes the Ashanti Kingdom and places it under the governor of the Gold Coast (Ghana)
- 1938 - Hitler issues ultimatum to Czech government, demanding Sudeten Land
- 1940 - Airplane manufacturer in Woolston bombed, 30 killed
- 1940 - Japanese troops attack French Indo-China
- 1944 - British & Polish paratroopers evacuate Oosterbeek (Arnhem)
- 1944 - Soviet forces occupy Estonia
- 1950 - Because of forest fire in Br Columbia, blue moon appears in England
- 1953 - US & Spain sign defense treaty (4 US bases in Spain)
- 1954 - Japanese ferry boat Toya Maru sinks in Strait of Tsugaru, 1172 die
- 1957 - USSR performs nuclear test at Eastern Kazakh/ Semipalitinsk USSR
- 1962 - Yemen Arab Republic proclaimed (National Day)
- 1973 - Turkey's state of siege ends (after 2½ years)
- 1980 - Soyuz 38 returns to Earth
- 1983 - Cosmonauts Titov & Strekalov are saved from exploding Soyuz T-10
- 1983 - Lebanon premier Chafiq Wazzan offers to resigns
- 1983 - Soviet military officer Stanislav Petrov averts a worldwide nuclear war by judging supposed missile attack from the US an error
- 1984 - President Reagan vetoes sanctions against South Africa
- 1985 - Tunisia drops diplomatic relations with Libya
- 1988 - US space shuttle STS-26 launched
- 1989 - Last Vietnamese soldiers leave Cambodia
- 1989 - Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze calls for total destruction of Soviet & US chemical weapons
- 1992 - Nigerian Air Force Hercules C-130 crashes three minutes after take-off from Lagos, Nigeria, killing 163
- 1992 - Tsuruhiko Kiuchi discovers comet Swift-Tuttle
- 1993 - Indians win their last game at Cleveland Stadium, beating Brewers 6-4
- 1995 - Earliest 1st-class cricket in Aust season (Qld v Western Prov)

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SRINAGAR- In a significant departure from its known stance vis-a-vis Kashmir issue and centre-state relations, the National Conference today appealed to Indian and Pakistani leaders "to settle Kashmir issue without any delay so that the on-going massacre should be stopped".

"The long pending issue may be settled according to the will of Kashmiri people who are the real masters of Kashmir", a National Conference press release issued by the provincial president of the party and MLC G N Shaheen read. He demanded that all 'innocent detainees languishing in many jails should be released without any delay'.

Expressing 'great concern', the NC leader said Kashmiri youth were not being provided central jobs which was "to-tally against norms". He demanded that Muslims as well as people from other communities should be given jobs.

NC leader also expressed concern that the central government had not so far released the annual plan for development works to the state and said "the fundamentalist Hindus are wholly and solely responsible for demolishing historical Babri Masjid as well as one portion of Golden temple in Amritsar". He said it was the golden chance to restore peace and restore autonomy in the state.

Talking to Observer News Service this evening, Shaheen said the state's accession to India was conditional; Even at that time, a solemn pledge had been made to ascertain the final opinion of the state people. "That pledge was never redeemed as the people's opinion was never ever sought", he asserted.

On the denial of central government jobs to Kashmiri Muslims, Shaheen said he endorsed the views of Shiv Sena supremo, Bal Thakarey that he would never allow any non-Maharashtrian get a job in his state. He asserted locals should be given representations in the state administration. He described the People's Democratic Party (PDP) of Mufti Muhammad Sayeed as that of the former state governor and BJP leader, 'Jagmohan, as the former was responsible for sending the latter to Jammu and Kashmir'.

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Rising border conflicts in South Asia, as well as growing authoritarianism, militarization and xenophobia in the region and beyond, make it incumbent upon democratic nations to ensure the dignity and security of all people regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, gender or other attributes

# Gatekeepers or Cheerleaders?

The threat to sacrosanctity of media is a matter of concern not only for us but for generations to come

RASHID UL KHAIR

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Press freedom in India is being endlessly compromised by the ever developing nexus among legislators and degenerate distributors. In the age of digitalization, journalists are constrained either to toe the government's line or face consequences. Lion's share of news media is by all accounts willfully diverting the majority from what ought to be really shown. This is writ large in the coverage given to topics that are sensational rather than issues that are pressing and more sensitive.

India is home to one of the greatest and fastest growing media industry on the planet. However, Media here is far from being fair. A nation with a populace of more than 138crores, is being ceaselessly indoctrinated by an assortment of biased news sources. India, which has a ground breaking and powerful electronic media with solid homegrown viewership is enabling a detrimental venture between corporate players, government and electronic media. Broadcast media, in particular, is creating news out of non-sense. While instances of media bias are nothing new, it has now stretched far beyond the tolerable limits.

One of the graces of a democratic system is the freedom of expression and the space that is provided to disagreement. It has four pillars: Judiciary, Legislature, Executive and Media. The former three keep up an arrangement of balanced governance while as the media guarantees straightforwardness in each of the three frameworks. It makes us aware of different social, monetary and policy centered issues that encompass us. As the backbone of democracy, media plays a vital function in molding it solid. Humans crave information, which is why they rely heavily upon media. The African-American Muslim minister and Human Rights activist, Malcolm X once said that, "The media is the most powerful entity on earth. They have the power to make the innocent guilty and to make the guilty innocent, and that's power, because they control the minds of the masses".

The deteriorating state of Journalism in India can also be seen as an outcome of increased surveillance and censorship. World Press Freedom Index positions India at 138th out of 180. Media intimidation is surely a reality, however, it is a danger confronted generally by correspondents situated in smaller towns where a murder of journalist barely manages to draw wider attention on the issue.



Currently under Governor's rule, the New Media Policy was introduced in Jammu and Kashmir. Avinash Kumar, Amnesty International's Executive Director for India, in an article published by Amnesty International in April said, "Harassment and intimidation of journalists through draconian laws such as UAPA threatens the efforts to address the COVID-19 pandemic and creates an atmosphere of fear and reprisal. In Kashmir, this has been compounded through the general lockdown, prolonged restrictions on internet speed and arbitrary detentions often without any kind of documentation, access to lawyers and recourse to justice. This severely undermines the human rights guarantees of the people of Kashmir and denies the people in India and around the world the right to know"

A few cases that are not even pertinent to the overall population get a great deal of consideration while issues like joblessness, financial log jam, increase in covid-19 cases get merely one show a month.

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Advancement is inescapable in any industry, with media being no exception. However, the purpose of evolution should not bypass a collective cause. India has numerous difficult issues that require considerationlike destitution, defilement, poverty, crime rate and so on. Power of media with the help of citizens can be a danger to any individual or organizationthat carries obstruction to any nation's development.

The threat to sacrosanctity of media is a matter of concern not only for us but for generations to come because the hogwash by contemporary media will eventually affect the next generation.

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## Northeast India Caught In The Middle Again

BINALAKSHMI NEPRAM

India and China are once again clashing along their disputed border in the Himalayas — for the first time since 1975. Soldiers on both sides have lost their lives — including at least 20 Indians and an unknown number of their Chinese counterparts.

Yet headlines in the outside world have largely overlooked the fate of local civilians — embodied by five young men from the northeastern state of Arunachal Pradesh. Apparently hired as porters for the Indian Army, they were captured by the Chinese on Sept. 1 and held captive until just a few days ago, when, thankfully, they were finally returned home to their families.

Those of us who call India's Northeast home aren't at all surprised to hear that geopolitics is once again overshadowing the lives of the people who live in the area. For decades, we have coped with the fallout from intense regional militarization and the excesses of the Indian security state. We've also spent generations contending with deep-seated racism among our compatriots — a regrettable reaction to the amazing ethnic and religious diversity of our strategically sensitive region, which borders on five different countries (China, Myanmar, Bhutan, Nepal and Bangladesh).

Connected to the rest of India by a 14-mile "chicken-neck corridor," our region is home to 45 million people from over 272 indigenous communities who speak more than 400 languages and dialects and adhere to several indigenous and other faiths. The area includes four formerly independent nation-states that joined India between 1940 and 1975. To quell local insurgencies, India imposed the Armed Forces Special Powers Act in the region in 1958, a de facto martial law that continues until the present day.



The conflict in northeast India has resulted in the killing of over 50,000 people. The International Committee of Jurists has reported over 1,500 cases of extrajudicial executions, while Human Rights Watch and other groups have documented numerous cases of arrest, torture and rape over the years. Our schools, colleges, cultural sites and hills have become military barracks.

The war has widowed countless women. Manipur alone has 20,000 registered war widows. In 2007, I set up the Manipur Women Gun Survivors Network to help female survivors of the conflict.

Most troubling of all, our region remains relatively unknown to the rest of India and the world. Our histories are not taught in any Indian schools — even in Northeast India itself — and the national government restricts media and humanitarian access to the region.

That ignorance has helped to fuel widespread racism against those from our region who have found ourselves in other parts of India. Perhaps the most notorious case occurred in 2014, when 19-year-old Nido Tania was beaten to death in New Delhi by a group of men who hurled racial insults at him, called him (among other things) "Chinese."

His killing was something of a tipping point, stirring protests against the culture of racist violence long endured by the indigenous peoples of India.

Yet such bigotry did not end with Nido Tania's death. It stirred again when covid-19 hit India and the world. The first case of the virus was reported in the country in February 2020, and it sparked a stark increase in attacks against indigenous people simply because they, like Nido Tania, looked different. Since the pandemic began, indigenous peoples from our region have been thrown out of rented apartments, beaten, removed from jobs,

detained, spat at, called "corona carriers" and told to "go back to China" for looking "more Asian" than other Indians. In the early stages of the covid-19 pandemic, the Northeast India Women Initiative for Peace, of which I am a founding member, documented at least 200 racially motivated attacks.

The Citizenship Amendment Act passed by Narendra Modi's Hindu nationalist government discriminates against indigenous peoples who live within India, including those who follow indigenous faiths. Of the 2 million people left out of the National Register of Citizens, we estimate that 700,000 are indigenous peoples living in Assam and the Northeast.

While India signed the U.N. Convention on Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination in 1967, the Indian Parliament has yet to pass any laws that address racism in the country. A report from the Ministry of Home Affairs has proposed urgently needed reforms. As a multi-ethnic, multi-religious country, India should also adopt the National Action Plan to Combat Racism proposed by activists. India should also include information on the history, culture and politics of Northeast India in school curricula.

Rising border conflicts in South Asia, as well as growing authoritarianism, militarization and xenophobia in the region and beyond, make it incumbent upon democratic nations to ensure the dignity and security of all people regardless of race, ethnicity, religion, gender or other attributes — and that includes the indigenous peoples of Northeast India. Only then can we successfully address the issues of racism, social justice and health, and bring about sustainable peace and development.

Washington Post



# Physical Disability and Depression

FAHID FAYAZ DARANGAY

I seek my inspiration not from people who consider me less than them but from people who've done far better even as they had physical disabilities.

The common definitions of physical disability available easily on the internet is that it is a substantial and long-term condition affecting a part of a person's body that impairs and limits their physical functioning, mobility, stamina or dexterity. Observing minutely this definition, it seems that only physical functioning, mobility, stamina or dexterity is assumed to be affected.

However, this definition eliminates the presence of other challenges that are as much of an outcome of being a person with disability. This dominantly ignores the correlation between physical disability and mental health. Many researches have explored the causality between physical disability and mental health especially depression.

My personal experience has made it obvious that traditionally, our society looks down upon people with disability. I myself am a Person With Disability (PWD). These three alphabets should only describe my physique but not my emotions, my mental strength, my creative ability, my ability to earn (both money and respect) or my caliber to absorb pressure. However, there are times when the assumptions of society make me question my own self-image. But when others are preferred over me for no fault of mine, I seek inspiration through people like Robert Collis, Christy Brown, Helen Adams Keller and Stephen William Hawking. I seek my inspiration not from people who consider me less than them but from people who've done far better even as they had physical disabilities.

In a study conducted by James D. Leeper, Lee W. Badger, and Tamar Milo, it was argued that persons claiming physical disability who were evaluated at a primary care health center in a small southern city were administered the Diagnostic Interview Schedule. Fifty-six per cent of the 43 patients were found to have one or more psychiatric disorders.

Forty-three consecutive disability determination patients were the subjects for this pilot study. There were 23 males, 15 of them White; the 20 females were equally divided between Black and White. Sixty per cent (N = 9) of the White males were between ages 50 and 59 whereas the



Black males were represented approximately equally in the 10-year intervals between ages 30 and 69. Black females were younger (50 per cent were less than 39 years old) than White females (70% were over 50 years old). Fifty-six per cent of the patients were found to have one or more current psychiatric disorders according to the DIS. Ten patients had one disorder, seven had two disorders, two had three disorders, two had four disorders, and three had five disorders. The most common DIS diagnoses were phobia, anxiety, and panic. Other diagnoses were alcoholism, depression, somatization, organic brain syndrome, schizophrenia, and barbiturate dependence. Two-thirds of Blacks and 48 per cent of Whites had one or more diagnosis. Proportionately more males than females had one or more diagnosis. An equal percentage of those under age 50 and those age 50 or older had one or more diagnosis. Married patients had a slightly lower prevalence of disorder than those unmarried. None of these relationships was statistically significant.

Albert Schweitzer, a French-German

theologian once said, "The purpose of human life is to serve, and to show compassion and the will to help others". This approach is the need of the hour in our society. We need awareness as much as compassion. Ableism and Ableist language should be discouraged in our society. Meaningful interventions should be made to ensure that people with disability have better access to resources and opportunities. We need to normalize as well as sensitize people towards physical disability. This will be only possible if we change conventional attitudes. People with disability only need others to treat them with dignity as well as compassion, so they do not find such hindrances on their way to achieve things and contribute, both, economically as well as socially.

P.S: I am a proud Person with Disability

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## Covered Mouth and Speaking Eyes

In the era of Covid-19, masks have altered the dynamics of conversations but studies show that eyes can also do the talking

NIGEL HOLT

There's a good chance that you when you leave the house today you'll put on a face mask that obscures your mouth. Such coverings can affect our ability to communicate and provides a particular challenge to those that need to see lips to understand speech.

But what of the eyes that remain uncovered? Shakespeare said the eyes were the windows to the soul. I'm not sure about "souls", but it's very clear that eyes can provide a great deal of information.

It's why poker players sometimes wear dark glasses because of a fear of giving away a "tell", a tiny almost imperceptible cue to other players that they are holding a good hand, or bluffing. This might be common wisdom, but there is also some science that supports this.

Our emotions are how we understand others and how they understand us. And research has found that it is possible to interpret people's emotions by analysing their eyes. In 2017, researchers at Cornell University showed volunteers images of eyes expressing different emotions: sadness, disgust, anger, joy, surprise or fear.

The participants were able to consistently rate how well different words describing mental states matched the "eye expression". The researchers concluded that the eyes provide essential interpersonal insight, and that different aspects of the eyes (such as how open they are or how sloped the brow is) give information about different mental states.

The neuroscience is also interesting here. We know humans are exceptionally sensitive to very tiny changes in direction of gaze. When you are trying to judge which direction someone is looking in, it significantly activates your amygdala, a part of the brain we have long known to be associated with emotion. This shows there is a link between emotion and eyes at a neurological level.

We know that the amygdala is relevant in all things to do with emotion, and



it is best known for its role in fear and its mediation of the "fight or flight" response. Further research has shown that the amygdala is also active when we are monitoring the scene for events where a person may be looking in our direction, or changing their direction of gaze.

This could indicate the importance of the eyes in finding a mate, expressing interest in others, or perhaps conversely in identifying threats from others. In short, we are wired to extract information from the eyes – information that can help us assess the emotions of those around us and so allow us to engage more effectively with them.

There is further evidence of the importance of the eyes from neurochemistry. We know that oxytocin, a naturally produced hormone, is important in social interactions and that it may be important in how we perceive the faces of those around us.

Researchers have found that, when shown images of faces, people who are

given oxytocin spend more time looking at the eyes than those given a placebo. Since oxytocin is a factor in social interactions, this finding suggests the eyes are very important in how we understand our engagement and interaction with those around us. Those with elevated levels of oxytocin appear to seek out the eyes to help them better engage socially with others.

For the dog-lovers among us, there's also some research that suggests that when dogs and their owners look into each other's eyes, oxytocin levels increase in both the humans and the pets, suggesting an increased social bond. This only seems to happen with domesticated dogs with whom a close social bond is important to the owners and their animals, the results are not shown with wolves.

Eye don't believe it

There are, however, some things that the eyes can't tell us. There is one rather

sticky myth that comes from so-called "neurolinguistic programming" (NLP), the approach often favoured by those who like to claim you can use psychology to achieve an advantage over others.

The theory goes that if someone is looking up and to the right when they are talking then that somehow indicates that they are lying. But when researchers filmed a group of people telling true and false stories, and then asked another group to try to spot the lies by looking at the speakers' eyes, they found no evidence for a link between lying and eye movements at all.

If you want to know what someone is feeling when face coverings are the norm, the eyes may well have the answer you are looking for. We can definitely tell if people are smiling by looking at their eyes, and a smile is so very important, now more than ever.

By arrangements with the Conversation

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# Work From Home Culture To Continue Even After Pandemic Ends: Bill Gates


Press Trust Of India

The work from home culture has worked well and many companies will continue with the system even after the coronavirus pandemic ends, billionaire philanthropist Bill Gates has said.

Various parts of the world have been under strict lockdowns following the Covid-19 outbreak, forcing organisations to let their employees work from home.

“It is amazing to see how well the work from home (WFH) culture has worked and I hope will continue even after the pandemic is over,” Gates told an online business summit organised by financial daily The Economic Times.

“But once this pandemic ends, we will rethink on what percentage of time we spend in offices... 20, 30, 50 per cent. Lots of companies will expect their employees to spend well below 50 per cent of their time in offices and may be the rest of the companies will go the normal way,” he added.



Gates, who co-founded Microsoft and also the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, said he has not travelled for work this whole year. “Honestly I have got time to do much more. It’s been... eye opening for me,” he said.

However, the world’s biggest philanthropist said WFH has not been as engaging, for which software has to improve a lot. Software engineering has surprisingly worked well but when kids are home, homes are small and there are chores, it is difficult to work. For women, they have too many things to handle so WFH comes with its own drawbacks, he pointed out.

On his outlook on the end of the pandemic, Gates said “the message from me and others resulted in very little... Even the US, from which you would expect to have the best response with the great scientific research, did a very poor job in getting ready with this and now we are faced with incredible damage.” “Hopefully we will learn our lessons and be better ready next time but in the meanwhile we have so much work to be done,” he emphasised. Stating that China did not do a perfect job in getting the data out initially about the virus, he said this led to wasting time.

On whether the strict two-month lockdown has worked in India, he said the country did some “incredible things” like use of digital infrastructure to transfer money to households in need. But the challenge for India is its population, he said, adding a lot of people live in slums and dense areas and they cannot be asked to maintain social distancing.

Besides, many people have jobs where remote working is not possible, he said. “India was always going to face much bigger problems compared to Europe and the US. We hope as we get into fall, things don’t get worse although the cold temperature is not good for containing the virus. “Right now some great things are happening, the Premjis, Primals, the Tatas etc are stepping up efforts to minimise the damage,” Gates added.

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Shahnaz Husain

Every woman dreams of having a luscious, long, soft and healthy hair. Overexposure to harsh sunlight, weather changes, stress, inappropriate diets, pollution, , chemical treatments and medical conditions makes our hair brittle, dull and and frizzy by nature even if you were born with gorgeous, lustrous hair. Damaged hair is extremely fragile and tends to break more easily.

Whether your hair is long or short, curly or straight, dealing with dryness is inevitable when your hair is constantly battered by heat styling tools, chemical treatments, and environmental pollution.

In our quest for gorgeous hair, every woman is ready to go to any lengths to cure and revive them with expensive salon treatments, medications and potions which promises to work wonders instantly but nothing works better than some patience and natural ingredients that are economical and often quite rewarding.

While it may take longer to see results, your hair will thank you in the long-term.

Here’s how to repair damaged hair with ingredients you most likely have in your kitchen.

The first thing to remember is that for healthy hair, the body must be in a state of good health. Hair is fed by the blood flowing to the follicles, which means that diet and good blood circulation are extremely vital for hair nourishment. The hair also needs external nourishment. Right there on your kitchen shelf are many natural ingredients that can revitalize the hair. They not only nourish the hair but are also good cleansers, like egg white, lemon juice, gram flour (besan) or yoghurt. They also help to maintain the normal balances and condition the hair.



## Kitchen Hacks For Hair Health

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Whereas an application has been received from one Mr.Majid Mukhtar S/O Mukhtar Ahmad Reshi R/O Shiroa Bala Anantnag Owner of Vehicle No.JK03C -1671for HPA Cancellation with Karan Associatess Pvt.Ltd,Jammu. Now it is therefore notified for General information that objection if any to the proposed cancellation / Endorsement of Hire Purchase Agreement shall be filled in writing in the Officer of ARTO Anantnag within a period of seven days from the publication of this notice in Daily Kashmir Observer News Paper.

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TENDER NOTICE NO: 03/DLM of 2020-21

On behalf of Vice Chairman. SDA. Sri nagar Development Authority invites tenders by e-tendering for Collection of parking charges at SDA's parking lots at different locations in Srinagar from approved and Eligible persons/ contractors/ firms'

s. No.	Name of Job	Parking fee For CAR/ JEEP	Parking fee for ZWheel-ers	Minimum reserved bid For one year	Security Deposit @10% of the Minimum Reserved bid	Coat of Tender Document including 12% GST (Non-refundable)	Period of contract
1	Parking Lot near SBI Lalchowk Srinagar	Rs.20/Car per hour	Rs.10/Entry	Rs.7,99,700/-	Rs.79970/-	Rs.896/-	One year
23.	Parking lot at Mirakshah Batmallo Srinagar	Rs.20/Car per Entry	Rs.10/Entry	Rs.50.000/-	Rs.5,000/-	Rs.3367-	Six months
	Parking lot at Polo view Lalchowk Srinagar.	Rs.20/Car per Entry	Rs10/Entry	Rs.2,50,000/-	Rs.25,000/-	Rs.4467-	Six months

1. Date of Publishing: 24-09-2020.

2. The Bidding documents can be seen and downloaded from the website http://jktenders.gov.in from 24-09-2020 {10AM } to 13-10-2020 (4.30 PM).

3 The Bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website jktenders.gov.in from 01-10-2020 {10,00AM} to 13-10-2020 {4.30PM}.

4. a. The bids received will be opened on 13-10-2020 (12.00 Noon),  
b The complete bidding process will be online.

No:- SDM/DLM/524-27

Dated: 23/09/2020


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Director,  
Land Management, Srinagar Dev. Authority

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آج مورخہ 23 ستمبر 2020 کو رحیمہ بزم ادب وثقافت کا سالانہ اجلاس زیر صدارت سرپرست بزم خواجہ غلام محی الدین وانی صاحب بزم کے دفتر رحیم آباد ناواہونی گام دیوسرقاضی گنڈ گلگام منعقد ہوا۔ یہ اجلاس تاخیر سے ہونے کی وجہ عالمی وبا کو ناواہیئرس کی وجہ سے ہوا۔ اجلاس میں مرکزی باڈی اور جنرل باڈی کے مشترکہ اجلاس میں سال گزشتہ کی کارکردگی پر سیر حاصل بحث ہوئی۔ اور اسے اطمینان بخش قرار دیتے ہوئے آمدن و اخراجات کا بھی جائزہ لیکر اسکی منظوری دی گئی۔ ایک مختصر مشاعرہ بھی منعقد ہوا۔ جسکی صدارت سرپرست خواجہ غلام محی الدین وانی صاحب (صوفی بزرگ) نے سرانجام دی۔ اسکے بعد تنظیمی ڈھانچے میں رد بدل کر کے اسکا تشکیل نو عمل میں لا یا گیا جو کس طرح ہے سرپرست خواجہ غلام محی الدین وانی صاحب، صدر عبدالغنی نانیکو، نائب صدر ماسٹر ثاواللہ خان، سیکریٹری عبدالاحد واحد، جوائنٹ سیکریٹری محمد اکبر شیر گوجری، پبلسٹی سیکریٹری مبشر افضل راتھر، لیگل ایڈویزر ایڈوکیٹ ثاواللہ عادل آرگنائیزر ماسٹر عبدالمجید وانی، کیشر و اکونٹنٹ عبدالمجید ڈار، ایڈیٹر جی آر ڈار و بلال احمد شاہ اجلاس پانچ بجے کے بعد اختتام پزیر ہوا۔

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Sub:- Conduct of interview/viva-voce for the post of Assistant Librarian and Manager Hostel.

It is notified for information of the shortlisted candidates who have appeared in written test for the below mentioned posts on 14-11-2019 and 27-02-2020 notified vide notification No. SKIMS-MC/302(Adm)/2019/8477-85 dated 23-10-2019 and SKIMS-MC/302(Adm)/2020/699-709 dated 01-02-2020 respectively advertised vide Notice No. 01 SKIMS-MC of 2019 dated 01-02-2019 that their Interview/viva-voce shall be conducted as per the below mentioned schedule.

S. No.	Name of the post	Date of Interview	Reporting time	Venue
1.	Assistant Librarian	03-10-2020	10:00 AM	Auditorium, SKIMS Medical College, Bemina
2.	Manager Hostel		10:30 AM	

The list of shortlisted candidates is available on the official website of SKIMS Medical College, Bemina i.e. www.skimsmc.edu.in

1. The candidates shall have to produce all original academic/ technical certificates, valid Identity proof & one (01) latest Passport size photograph at the time of Interview.

2. Mere figuring of name in the list does not entitle the candidate to appear in the Interview; however, it shall be subject to the scrutiny of all testimonials/eligibility of the candidates.

3. In case of any deficiency with reference to eligibility etc. proved at the time of Interview, the candidate shall not be allowed to appear in the Interview, or if any deficiency is found subsequently the candidate shall not be considered for selection and will be treated as disqualified.

4. The additional qualification(s)/reserved category certificate acquired by the candidate after the last date of submission of online application forms shall not be entertained.

5. Any candidate found guilty of impersonation or submitting fabricated/tampered documents/ testimonials or making false, incorrect or suppressing material information shall be debarred

from Interview, besides, rendering him/ her liable for criminal prosecution under law.

6. No further Interview call letter shall be issued to any candidate whose name figures in the shortlist. The candidates are required to report to the examination venue one hour before the start of interview on the scheduled date.

7. Any candidate(s) not appearing in the interview on the scheduled date shall not be interviewed later.

8. No candidate shall be allowed to appear in the interview without a face mask.

9. Mobile Phone or any other electronic gadget is not allowed in the office premises.

**Note:** No **TA/DA** shall be paid for participation in the Interview.

No. SKIMS-MC/302(Adm)/2020/

I/C Administrative Officer

Dated:- -09- 2020

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Subject: Construction of Compound Walling, Control Room Building, Earth Mat, RCC Foundations & Cable Trench etc for 1x10 MVA 33/11KV Receiving Station Redwani Bala  
Reference: e-NITNO.STB/15 of 2020-21, Dated: 05-09-2020

Corrigendum 01

Kindly read “Cost of tender document should be paid in the form of Demand Draft only, pledged to the Executive Engineer Sub transmission Division Bijbehara” instead of “cost of tender document should be paid in the form of CDR/FDR/Bank Guarantee only, pledged to the Executive Engineer Sub transmission Division Bijbehara” of above referred E-NIT.

Other terms and conditions as laid in the basic NIT shall remain same:

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Sub Transmission Division  
Bijbehara

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NO:STB/1520-24;

Dated:24-09-2020



## UN body advises Pakistan to stop issuing pilots' licenses: Report

### Agencies

United Nations: The International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) has advised Pakistan to undertake "immediate corrective actions" and suspend the issuance of any new pilot licenses in the wake of a scandal over falsified licenses, according to an official and a document seen by the Reuters news agency. The recommendations from ICAO, a specialised agency of the United Nations that works to ensure safety in international air transport, come days after Pakistan opened a criminal probe into 50 pilots and five civil aviation officials who allegedly helped them falsify credentials to secure pilot licences. "Pakistan should improve and strengthen its licensing system to ensure that it takes into account all necessary processes and procedures and prevents inconsistencies and malpractices before new licenses are issued and privileges of suspended licenses are re-established," the ICAO said in a previously unreported letter to the Pakistan Civil Aviation Authority (PCAA) last week.

A Pakistani aviation ministry official told Reuters that the country has not issued any new licenses since July, in the wake of the scandal. A spokesperson for Pakistan's aviation ministry, who is also a spokesperson for the PCAA, was not immediately available for comment on the ICAO advisory when contacted by Al Jazeera. Al Jazeera reported in July claims by Pakistani pilots that fraud and improper flight certification practices at the country's civil aviation regulator were rampant, and that air safety has routinely been compromised by airlines through faulty safety management systems, incomplete reporting and the use of regulatory waivers. Pakistan International Airlines (PIA), the country's largest airline and only major international carrier, was at the centre of most of the air safety complaints, and has denied all of the allegations. The country's aviation minister has said that almost a third of all licensed Pakistani pilots had obtained their certifications fraudulently.

## Anger on US streets as cops let off over Black woman's death



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Washington: Anger, frustration and sadness over the decision not to charge Kentucky police officers for Breonna Taylor's death poured into America's streets as protesters lashed out at a criminal justice system they say is stacked against Black people. Violence seized the demonstrations in her hometown of Louisville as gunfire rang out and wounded two cops. Police said they would enforce a strict curfew for the next two nights in Louisville. Activists, celebrities and everyday Americans have been calling for charges since Taylor, an emergency medical worker, was shot multiple times by white policemen after one of them was shot while bursting into her home during a narcotics investigation on March 13. The cops had a no-knock warrant but the investigation showed they announced themselves before entering, said state attorney general Daniel Cameron, a Republican and the state's first Black top prosecutor. A grand jury returned three charges of wanton endangerment on Wednesday against fired officer Brett Hankison over shooting

into a home next to Taylor's with people inside. Demonstrators chanted Taylor's name and marched in cities including New York, Washington, DC, Philadelphia, Las Vegas and Portland. People gathered in Chicago's Millennium Park, chanting demands for justice as drivers on Michigan Avenue honked their horns. Police in Atlanta unleashed chemical agents and made arrests after protesters tried to climb on a SWAT vehicle. In Minnesota and Wisconsin, marchers peacefully blocked highway traffic. In Louisville, one of the wounded cops was treated and released with a leg wound, while the other was shot in the abdomen and doing well after surgery. Larynzo Johnson, 26, was charged with two counts of assault on a policeman and multiple charges of police endangerment of police officers. Biden calls for reform, Trump backs cops shot at White House hopeful Joe Biden called for police reforms in response to the grand jury's decision. He said that while a probe continues, "we do not need to wait for the final judgment of that investigation to do more to deliver justice for Breonna".



## World In Disarray Angry Exchanges At Top UN Meeting On Covid-19

### Agencies

United Nations: The United States, China and Russia fought bitterly on Thursday during a United Nations Security Council meeting on the coronavirus pandemic as United Nations chief Antonio Guterres told the body that they had failed in their handling of COVID-19. Guterres blamed "a lack of global preparedness, cooperation, unity and solidarity" for the coronavirus spreading out of control and a death toll nearing one million globally. More than 32 million people have been diagnosed with the virus. "The pandemic is a clear test of international cooperation - a test we have essentially failed," he told the 15-member body. If the climate crisis were approached in the same way, he said, "I fear the worst." US President Donald Trump, who is facing a re-election battle made more challenging by the disease's spread across the country, on Tuesday demanded action against China for spreading the "plague" of

COVID-19 to the world. The US has reported more than 200,000 deaths, the highest in the world and accuses Beijing of a lack of transparency that it says has worsened the outbreak. China denies the claims.

**'Enough is enough'**  
US Ambassador Kelly Craft reiterated those accusations at the council's virtual meeting, drawing an angry response from her Chinese counterpart Zhang Jun. "Enough is enough," he said. "You have created enough troubles for the world already. ... The US should understand that blaming others will not solve its own problems." Speaking in English and noting the US deaths and cases, Zhang continued: "With the most advanced medical technologies and system in the world, why has the US turned out to have the most confirmed cases and fatalities? "If someone should be held accountable, it should be a few US politicians themselves." The US "is completely iso-

lated," he added in remarks enthusiastically backed by his Russian counterpart. Long-simmering tensions between the US and China have hit boiling point over the pandemic, spotlighting Beijing's bid for greater multilateral influence in a challenge to Washington's traditional leadership. Craft's attack took many diplomats off-guard. "Shame on each of you," she said. "I am astonished and I am disgusted by the content of today's discussion. ... I am actually really quite ashamed of this council - members of the council who took this opportunity to focus on political grudges rather than the critical issue at hand. My goodness." Diplomats said they were puzzled at the tone taken by Craft, who had left by the time the Chinese ambassador spoke. Craft was "very aggressive" after a session that had been "more or less full of consensus," one diplomat told the AFP news agency on condition of anonymity.

## Israel Approves 5,000 New Settler Homes in West Bank: Report

### Agencies

Jerusalem: Israeli prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu has approved the construction of thousands more homes in the occupied West Bank, in complete defiance of international outcry against the Tel Aviv regime's policies of land grab and illegal settlement expansion in the occupied Palestinian lands, a report says. Palestinian Arabic-language Ma'an news agency, citing a report published by Israel's Channel 7 media network, reported that the 70-year-old chairman of Likud political party had given the green light for plans to build over 5,000 units,

after more than six months during which such construction had been frozen. The report added that there have been contacts between settlement leaders and Netanyahu over the past few days, where Jewish extremists have called on the Israeli premier to end the freeze on settlement construction activities in the West Bank or face large-scale protests against his administration. Israel and the UAE agreed to a US-brokered deal to normalize relations on August 13. Under the agreement, the Tel Aviv regime has supposedly agreed to "temporarily" suspend applying its own rule to further areas in

the occupied West Bank and the strategic Jordan Valley that Netanyahu had pledged to annex. While Emirati officials have described the normalization deal with the Tel Aviv regime as a successful means to stave off annexation and save the so-called two-state solution to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, Israeli leaders have lined up to reject the bluff of Abu Dhabi's crown prince and de facto ruler of the UAE, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, that Israel's annexation plans were off the table. The Israeli prime minister has underlined that annexation is not off the table, but has simply been delayed.

## DNA link behind severe Covid-19 may lead to a new treatment

### Agencies

New Delhi: When two brothers fell critically ill with Covid-19 around the same time in March, their doctors were baffled. Both were young - 29 and 31 years old - and healthy. Yet within days they couldn't breathe on their own and, tragically, one of them died. Two weeks later, when a second pair of Covid-stricken brothers, both in their 20s, also appeared in the Netherlands, geneticists were called in to investigate. What they uncovered was a path leading from severe cases, genetic variations, and gender differences to a loss of immune function that may ultimately yield a new approach to treating thousands of coronavirus patients. The common thread in the research is the lack of a substance called interferon that helps orchestrate the body's defense against viral pathogens and can be infused to treat conditions such as infectious hepatitis. Now, increasing evidence suggests that some Covid-19 patients get very ill because of an impaired interferon response. Landmark studies published Thursday in the journal Science showed that insufficient inter-

feron may lurk at a dangerous turning point in SARS-CoV-2 infections. "It looks like this virus has one big trick," said Shane Crotty, a professor in the Center for Infectious Disease and Vaccine Research at the La Jolla Institute for Immunology in California. "That big trick is to avoid the initial innate immune response for a significant period of time and, in particular, avoid an early type-1 interferon response." The work highlights the potential for interferon-based therapies to enlarge a slowly accumulating range of Covid-19 treatments. These include Gilead Sciences Inc.'s remdesivir and convalescent plasma, a component of the blood of recovered patients that may contain beneficial immune factors. These treatments provide limited benefit and are typically used in very sick, hospitalized patients. The possibility that interferon may help some people is enticing because it appears most efficacious in the early stages of infection, when life-threatening respiratory failure could still be averted. Dozens of studies of interferon treatment are now recruiting Covid-19 patients.

## US Economy Suffered \$16 Trillion Drag Due To Racism: Report

### Agencies

New York, United States: Racial inequality has cost the US economy \$16 trillion in wealth over the last two decades, Citigroup said in a report Thursday. The banking giant -- pointing to the drag from unequal pay, housing discrimination, education disparity and other longstanding ills in the United States -- simultaneously pledged \$1 billion in initiatives for Black-oriented business needs. "Addressing racism and closing the racial wealth gap is the most critical challenge we face in creating a fair and inclusive society and we know that more of the same won't do," said Citigroup Chief Executive Michael Corbat in a press release. "Citi is committed to leading the way and investing in communities of color to build wealth and strong financial futures." The glossy 104-page report, which features a photo of a fist-bump between a white and Black person on its cover, lays out a gamut of issues, including policing and voting rights. Its release comes as US businesses face pressure to respond to rising public concerns about racism. The report notes the sizeable wage gap for Black and Hispanic workers, the result of "an extended history of job discrimination, plus unequal access to

quality education in the US." Citigroup pointed to the problem of financial "redlining" that has left Black consumers more vulnerable to predatory lenders, or to unfavorable terms from banks. Black entrepreneurs also face more barriers to finance than white firms, the report said, noting that "if Black-owned firms are passing the gauntlet along myriad metrics, but still not receiving funding, then the epsilon may be bias." Addressing racial equity gaps could add \$5 trillion to US growth over the next five years, Citi said. Citi pledged a number of steps, including \$550 million to support home ownership for people of color and affordable housing by minority developers. Other programs support minority depository institutions, Black-owned suppliers and entrepreneurs. Citigroup also promised to strengthen its policies to become "an anti-racist institution," including by addressing bias in software design and representation of people of color in marketing materials. US companies have been unveiling more socially-oriented initiatives in the wake of nationwide racial justice protests earlier this year, but skeptics say more concrete action is needed to back up the expressions of outrage after the killing of George Floyd.

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### Finland's Airport Uses Dogs To Sniff Out Coronavirus

**H**elsinki: Dogs trained to detect the novel coronavirus began sniffing passenger samples at Finland's Helsinki-Vantaa airport this week, authorities said, in a pilot project running alongside more usual testing at the airport. The dogs' efficiency has not been proven in comparative scientific studies so passengers who volunteer to be tested and are suspected as carrying the virus are instructed to also take a swab to confirm the result. A team of 15 dogs and 10 instructors are being trained for the job in Finland by volunteers, sponsored by a private veterinary clinic. Among them is Kossi, a rescue dog from Spain, who was trained as a sniffer dog in Finland and who has worked before detecting cancers. "What we've seen in our re-



search is that the dogs will find (the disease) five days before they (patients) get any clinical symptoms," Anna Hielm-Bjorkman, who is Adjunct Professor at the University of Helsinki and specialised in clinical research for companion animals, told Reuters. "They are very good (at it). We come close to 100-percent sensitivity," she said, referring to the dogs's ability to

detect cases of the virus. In the canine test, a passenger swipes their neck with a gauze, places it in a can which is then handed over to another room for a dog to sniff and to deliver an immediate result. A few months ago, authorities in the United Arab Emirates embarked on similar canine testing at Dubai International Airport using police dogs.

### Queen Elizabeth's Finances Hit, Royal Budget May Lose 15 Million Pounds

**L**ondon: Britain's Royal Household on Friday defended taxpayer-funded trips, including a golfing jaunt by the beleaguered Prince Andrew, as it warned of a financial hit stemming from the coronavirus pandemic. Unveiling the annual financial report of Queen Elizabeth II's household, officials also said Prince Harry and his wife Meghan were now paying commercial rent on their UK residence at Windsor Castle, after quitting the royal frontline. The Sovereign Grant, which pays for the monarch's official duties and upkeep of royal palaces, came to 82.4 million pounds (\$105 million, 90.1 million euros) in the financial year ending in March 2020, a slight rise from the year before. In March, the UK went into lockdown against the coronavirus pandemic and royal finances have been dented by the loss of sizeable income generated from public visits to the palaces. Losses to the Royal Household's



core budget will come to 15 million pounds over the next three years, according to Michael Stevens, who as Keeper of the Privy Purse is the queen's treasurer. A separate budget for long-term repairs designed to avert a "catastrophic failure" to the fabric of Buckingham Palace, the queen's main residence in London, will suffer a shortfall of 20 million pounds. By law, the Sovereign Grant cannot go down year-on-year, and the monarchy has become increasingly cost-conscious given wider public scrutiny of its affairs.

### Legendary newspaper editor, publisher and muckraker dies

**N**ew York: Sir Harold Evans, the charismatic publisher, author and muckraker who was a bold-faced name for decades for exposing wrongdoing in 1960s London to publishing 1990s best-sellers such as Primary Colors, has died, his wife said on Thursday. He was 92. His wife, fellow author-publisher Tina Brown, said he died on Wednesday in New York from congestive heart failure. Evans was a high-profile go-getter, starting in the 1960s as an editor of the Northern Echo and The Sunday Times of London and continuing into the 1990s as president of Random House. A defender of print journalism well into the digital age, Evans was one of the all-time newspaper editors, startling British society with revelations of espionage, corporate wrongdoing and government scandal.







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