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2 Militants Killed In Shopian Encounter

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SRINAGAR: Two militants were killed in an encounter with state forces in Shopian district of South Kashmir on Tuesday, police said.

Government forces launched a cordon and search operation in Kutpora area of Shopian based on

specific input regarding the presence of militants there, a police spokesman said.

During the search operation as the presence of the militants got ascertained, they were given the opportunity to surrender. However, the militants fired indiscriminately upon the search party, prompting retaliation by the security **▶PAGE 02**

200 Militants Active In J&K : Army
The army Tuesday said that 200 militants are active in Jammu and Kashmir of which 60 militants are active in northern districts of Kashmir, majority of whom are **▶P-02**

SCO SUMMIT

PM Urges Respect for 'Territorial Integrity'

Pak PM Opposes 'Illegal And Unilateral' Actions Of Any Country

Press Trust Of India

NEW DELHI: Coming face-to-face with Chinese president Xi Jinping, albeit virtually, for the first time since the Sino-India border row began in early May, Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday delivered a stern message during his address at the SCO summit that

there should be respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity among the nations.

In his remarks during the virtual summit, Modi also hit out at those making repeated attempts to "unnecessarily" bring bilateral issues to the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) in violation of the bloc's foundational principles. **▶PAGE 02**

LG Bans Private Practice Of SKIMS Doctors, Paramedics

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: The Lieutenant Governor led Jammu and Kashmir government on Tuesday ordered a ban on private practice by the medical professionals and practitioners at the Valley's SK Institute of Medical Sciences (SKIMS) here, warning 'major penalty' against the violators.

In an order issued on the directions of Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha, Commissioner Secretary to the Government Manoj Kumar Dwivedi (IAS) said "In exercise of the powers conferred by proviso to Article 309 of the Constitution,



File Photo

the Lieutenant Governor is hereby pleased to direct that after sub-rule(4) of rule 10 of the Jammu and Kashmir Government Employees Conduct Rules, 1971, the following sub-rule shall be added; namely 5 (i) (which reads) notwithstanding anything contained **▶PAGE 02**

Bar Defers Polls After Govt's Notice On Kashmir Status

Agencies

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association (HCBA) on Tuesday decided to defer its elections, a day after the government asked the layers body to clarify their stand on Kashmir.

"We have decided to defer the elections. New date is yet to be fixed," Election Commissioner of HCBA, Advocate Mudasir said. "New date will be announced after deliberations."

The Bar elections were scheduled to be held today. However, in the meeting held in Srinagar, it was decided to defer the elections for some time.

The development came close on the heels of a notice

issued to J&K HCBA by the district magistrate Srinagar where it was asked to clarify its stand whether it sees Kashmir as "a dispute or an integral part of the country."

Yesterday, a notice sent to the Bar Association read that Jammu and Kashmir HCBA has reportedly circulated a press note convening election for various office bearers of association at Srinagar on November 10.

"The HCBA Srinagar constitute states the following as its first objective: to find ways and means take steps for resolving the issues concerning public at large including larger issues of peaceful settlement of Kashmir **▶PAGE 02**

6 More Die Of Corona In J&K, Toll 1551

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: At least six more people succumbed to coronavirus in Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday, taking the number of Covid-19 related fatalities across the Union Territory to 1551.

In Kashmir, five more people lost their lives to Covid-19 on Tuesday while in Jammu division a 60-year-

492 New Cases Include 36 Travelers
Meanwhile Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday reported 492 fresh cases of novel coronavirus, including 36 travelers, taking the total number of **▶P-02**

old woman from Bhagwati Nagar succumbed to the deadly infection. **▶PAGE 02**

MMU Renews Call For Release Of Mirwaiz

SRINAGAR: Jammu & Kashmir Muthahida Majlis-e-Ulema (MMU), an amalgam of prominent religious organisations on Tuesday reiterated their demand for release of Mirwaiz Umar Farooq saying that the 'arbitrary' house arrest of Huriyat Conference (M) chairman was a matter of concern for Valley Muslims and religious organisations. **▶P-02**

Cross-LoC Shelling Rattles Poonch

JAMMU: Indian and Pakistani troops on Tuesday exchanged heavy gunfire in three sectors along the Line of Control (LoC) in Poonch district of Jammu and Kashmir.

According to the officials, the Pakistan Army heavily targeted forward posts and hamlets on Tuesday by opening fire and shelling three sectors along the LoC in Poonch districts. **▶P-02**

DDC Polls: LG Reviews Security Arrangements



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JAMMU: Jammu and Kashmir Lt Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday reviewed the security arrangements for the upcoming District Development Council (DDC) election and asked police and other security agencies to facilitate the people for maximum participation in the democratic exercise.

The maiden DDC polls along with by-elections for panchayats and Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) are being held in eight-

phases in the Union Territory, beginning on November 28. Chairing a meeting during his first visit to the Armed Police headquarters here, Sinha stressed upon the officers to ensure free, fair, transparent and peaceful polls.

He emphasized on providing sufficient security to the participating candidates besides ensuring maximum participation of the people in the DDC polls and by-elections to vacant panchayat and municipal seats. "People must be **▶PAGE 02**

A Unique Initiative by the Government of Jammu & Kashmir

Block Diwas

on every Wednesday

at Locations Specified Below
Speedy disposal of public grievances on spot at grassroots level.

All are invited to participate

Shri Manoj Sinha
Lieutenant Governor

District wise Locations for Block Diwas

01

Poonch

- DC Office Complex
- Tehsil Complex Mandi
- SDM Office Mendhar
- SDM Office Surankote

02

Kishtwar

- District HQ
- Block HQ Drabshalla
- TRC Mughal Maidan
- Block HQ Marwah

03

Doda

- Bhaderwah
- Doda (Ghat)
- Gandoh
- Thathri
- Assar

04

Samba

- Ghagwal
- Samba
- Bari Brahmana

05

Rajouri

- District HQ
- Nowshera
- Sunderbani
- Kalakote
- Koteranka
- Near BDO Office Thanamandi

06

Udhampur

- Ramnagar
- Dudu
- Chenani
- DC Office Complex
- Majalta

07

Reasi

- Katra
- Reasi
- Arnas
- Mahore

08

Jammu

- Akhnoor
- RS Pura
- Bhalwal
- Nagrota

09

Kathua

- Kathua
- Hira Nagar
- Billawar
- Basholi
- Bani

10

Ramban

- Banihal
- Ukhral
- Sangaldan
- Batote
- District HQ

DC, SSP & District Level Officers to remain available by turn at every Location every Wednesday.
All Departmental functionaries to remain available for resolving grievances.



Government of Jammu & Kashmir

From Front page...

Senior Executive Of Republic TV Held In Fake TRP Scam

MUMBAI: Republic TV's distribution head Ghanshyam Singh was arrested on Tuesday in connection with the alleged TRP (Television Rating Points) rigging scam. He was produced before a magistrate who remanded him in police custody till November 13. Singh, who is also Assistant Vice President of the Republic Media Network, was picked up from his residence around 7.40 am, a police official said. He had been questioned by the police earlier. His arrest took the number of people held by the Crime Intelligence Unit (CIU) of the crime branch in the case to 12. Seeking his custody, the police told the magistrate's court that it had recovered Rs 2 lakh from Ashish Chaudhry, who is partner of Crystal Broadcast and a co-accused. Chaudhry stated that it was part of the money given to him by Singh for TRP manipulation for Republic TV, the remand application of the police claimed.

Abhishek Kolavade, another arrested accused, revealed that he used to get Rs 15 lakh a month from Ghanshyam Singh through hawala route between January 2020 to July 2020, it said. This money would be distributed to some households -- where 'barometer' is installed -- as a bribe for tuning into particular channels, it said. The CIU wanted to probe these claims, the remand application said. The fake TRP scam came to light last month when ratings agency Broadcast Audience Research Council (BARC) filed a complaint through Hansa Research Group, alleging that certain television channels were rigging TRP numbers. Hansa had been tasked with installing barometers, which record viewership data (which channel has been watched and for how long) at sample households. TRP is important as advertising revenue of channels depends on it.

Traffic Movement Between Assam, Mizoram Stops Again Amid Border Tension

SILCHAR/AIZAWL: Movement of vehicles between Assam and Mizoram stopped again amid tension in the areas along the inter-state border, a senior official said on Monday. Locals in Lailapur have stopped the movement of vehicles to Mizoram on security grounds, said Bhanwar Lal Meena, the superintendent of police of the Cachar district in Assam. There has also been no movement of vehicles from Mizoram to Assam since Monday night, he said. The situation, though tense, is under control with no untoward incident reported since Saturday, he added. "The situation along the inter-state border is under close watch," the officer said. A senior Mizoram government official said that Assam was not respecting the decision taken at the meeting, chaired by Union Home Secretary Ajay Kumar Bhalla, between the chief secretaries of the two states to ensure movement of traffic.

At the meeting held on Sunday, it was decided that Mizoram will partly withdraw its forces from the border areas and deploy BSF personnel, while Assam will ensure that the blockade on NH-306 on its side by the Lailapur residents is lifted. "We have done all on our part. Our forces have been withdrawn and BSF personnel deployed at the disputed areas. But, Assam is not respecting the mutual decision as only a few vehicles were released till Tuesday," the Mizoram official said. However, the Cachar SP said that he has no information about whether Mizoram has started the process of withdrawing its police force "from Assam's territory". The Mizoram official said that a few personnel of the state forces are in the disputed areas to provide security to the Mizos people till normalcy returns. Citing that only about 40 vehicles have entered Mizoram from Assam since Monday, the official said, "We don't know what exactly happened there (Assam)."

BJP Making 'Incremental Assaults' On Democracy: NC

SRINAGAR: The National Conference (NC) on Tuesday accused the BJP of making "incremental assaults" on democracy and the country's federal structure, saying it started with the "dismemberment of Jammu and Kashmir and stripping it of its constitutional rights". NC general secretary Ali Muhammad Sagar made the remarks while presiding over a meeting of the party's zone presidents and district presidents at its headquarters Naw-e-Subah here.



The BJP's "incremental assaults on Indian democracy and its federal structure" started with the "dismemberment of Jammu and Kashmir and stripping it of its constitutional rights," he said. "No longer constrained by anything, the BJP, ever since it has come to power, has bulldozed the secular visage of the country by unilaterally and unconstitutionally rescinding J-K's special status," Sagar claimed. He said the "unilateral, unconstitutional and undemocratic" decisions have been rejected by the people of Jammu, Kashmir and Ladakh. The NC leader said the "spiteful" decisions taken by the ruling dispensation at New Delhi have not fared well in any region

of Jammu and Kashmir. "The peaceful struggle embarked by party president Farooq Abdullah for the restoration of the rights of people of J-K and Ladakh is reflective of the aspirations of the people living in every nook and corner," he said. The fervour and enthusiasm with which people from all walks of life are meeting Abdullah-led PAGD is reflective of the sentiments of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh, he said, referring to the efforts of the NC president in the formation of the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) -- an alliance with other mainstream parties in the valley seeking restoration of the special status that was revoked by the Centre on August 5 last year. The BJP, on the other hand, stands "unmasked" before the people who have lately perceived its "divisive agenda", he added. Sagar said the unified voice of the people in the shape of PAGD has attested to the fact that they have rejected the measures taken on the August 5 last year and all the successive "black laws" which were supplanted subsequently on people through notification and executive orders without the democratic consent of the people.

LSR Students' Union Demands Principal's Resignation Over Suicide By Student

NEW DELHI: The students' union of Lady Sri Ram (LSR) college here on Tuesday demanded resignation of the college principal and distribution of tablets and Internet packs to aid online learning, following alleged suicide of a student over concerns of pursuing education due to the poor financial condition of her family. "We demand resignation of the principal. The hostel vacation notices should be revoked and students should be distributed tablets and Internet packs for attending online classes. A committee should be formed for

solutions to issues and exclusion faced by socially and economically backward students," the union said in a statement. "The clause and undertaking (which students were made to sign while taking admission) which prohibited them from taking part in the protests should be revoked," it added. The statement was issued after a general body meeting of the students union which was called on Tuesday. Aishwarya, an LSR student and IAS aspirant, was found hanging at her Shadnagar house in Telangana's Ranga Reddy district on November 2. In a suicide note purportedly written by her, the 19-year-old woman said she did not want to burden her parents with her educational expenses, police said. The second-year BSc Mathematics (Honours) student had returned from Delhi in March this year after those staying in the hostel were asked to go home by the college authorities in view of the COVID-19 pandemic. In a suicide note purportedly written by her, the teenager said she did not want to burden her parents with her educational expenses, police said.

SCBA Prez Lodges Protest With Top Court Over Selective Listing Of Arnabgoswami's Plea

NEW DELHI: Supreme Court Bar Association (SCBA) president Dushyant Dave on Tuesday wrote a letter to secretary general of the top court lodging strong protest on selective listing of journalist Arnab Goswami's interim bail plea in the 2018 case of alleged abetment to suicide of an interior designer, before a vacation bench on November 11. Goswami's bail plea will be taken up for hearing on Wednesday before a vacation bench of Justices DY Chandrachud and Indira Banerjee. Dave clarified that he has nothing personal against Goswami and he is not writing this letter to in any way interfere in with his rights to move the Supreme Court as like all citizens, the editor-in-chief of Republic TV also has right to seek justice from the highest court. The serious issue here is selective listing of matters that to the registry under your leadership is indulging in for last eight months during COVID pandemic. While thousands of citizens remain in jails, languishing for long periods while their matters filed before

the Supreme Court are not getting listed for weeks and months, it is, to say the least, deeply disturbing as to how and why every time Goswami approaches the Supreme Court, his matter gets listed instantly, Dave said in his letter. The SCBA chief further questioned Is there any special order or direction from the Chief Justice of India and the Master of the Rooster in this regard? and added that it is quite well known that such extraordinarily urgent listings of matters cannot and does not take place without specific orders from the Chief Justice. He said, Or is it that as the administrative head you (secretary general) or the registrar listing is giving special preference to Goswami? Dave said that it is on record, that time and again he has received requests from various Advocates-on-Record (AORs) to the effect that the matters filed by them are not getting listed for weeks and months though very urgent and involving serious issues requiring Court's urgent intervention including bail matters

Delhi Riots: court Dismisses Interim Bail Pleas Of Shahrupkpathan

NEW DELHI: A Delhi court has dismissed two interim bail applications of Shahrupkpathan, whose picture showing him pointing a gun at an unarmed Delhi Police head constable during the communal riots, went viral on social media. The first interim bail application was rejected on Monday in a case in which he was arrested for allegedly brandishing a gun and firing at Head Constable Deepak Dahiya. The second plea was dismissed in a case related to alleged gunshot injury received by one Rohit Shukla during the communal violence in Jafrabad area on February 24. In both the cases, the court questioned the conduct of Pathan and said the manner in which he had absconded after the incident was arrested later on, suggested he was a flight risk

In the first case, Additional Sessions Judge Amitabh Rawat said that the gravity of the matter was sufficient to deny any benefit of interim bail to the accused. "In the instant case, when the clashes happened on February 24, 2020 at near Jafraabad metro station, Delhi, and heavy stone pelting and firing occurred, as per prosecution, the applicant/accused Shahrupkpathan was caught brandishing a pistol with the temerity of firing and pointing it at police personnel Head Constable Deepak Dahiya, who was deputed on that day for law and order arrangements. The accused is alleged to have participated in the riots and has been duly identified. Thus, the gravity in the present case is sufficient to deny any benefit of interim bail to the accused, the court said in its order passed on November 9.

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forces, he said. In the ensuing gunbattle, two militants were killed and their bodies were retrieved from the site of the encounter, he said. The slain militants were identified as Irfan Ahmad Thoker, resident of Kutpora, Shopian and Umer Ahmad Lone, resident of Naidgam Lone Mohallah. Both the militants were affiliated with proscribed outfit Al-Badr, the spokesman said. As per police records, he said, both were involved in many crime cases, including looting of cash to the tune of Rs 60 lakh from a van of J&K Bank at main branch Shopian on November 5. Incriminating materials, including arms and ammunition, were recovered from the site of the encounter and all the recovered material was taken into case records for further investigation and to probe their complicity in other crimes, the spokesman added

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foreigners. "There are 50 to 60 militants active in northern districts of Kashmir of which 40 to 45 are foreigners. The best thing is that militants aren't able to carry out any activity since July this year and we will not allow them to do so," General officer Commanding (GoC) Kilo Force Major General H S Sahi said Tuesday. Sahi was talking to reporters on the sidelines of the final football match at SK Stadium here. "We will not allow the militants to disrupt the peaceful atmosphere prevailing in north Kashmir," he said. The senior army officer further said that after successful operations against the militants in June and July this year, militants in north Kashmir were facing a leadership crisis as all their "leaders were killed." Replying to a query that if the situation was so peaceful in north Kashmir, why 4-G internet was not being resorted in Bandipora, he said: "These recommendations are made at the highest level. Situation is being watched closely." On whether there was any concrete policy for the militants who return after quitting militancy or for those who surrender in live encounters, he said "First surrender policy was framed in 1997 and the same was amended in 2004 and in 2010 another policy was framed for the youth who wanted to return from LoC. At present, a new policy is under the consideration of the government and is being fine-tuned." About the security arrangements for the upcoming District Development Council (DDC) polls, the army officer said that elaborate security measures will be taken to ensure peaceful polls. "All the security agencies are working in close coordination," he said as per news agency KNO. Replying to a query regarding infiltration, GoC Kilo Force said that two days ago, a major infiltration bid was foiled along the LoC in Machil, Kupwara, in which three militants were killed. "Reports of possible infiltration keep on coming. There are 250 to 300 militants at the launch pads, who may try to sneak in. But our anti-militancy grid is strong both at the LoC and the hinterland. All infiltration bids will be foiled," he said.

PM Urges Respect for...

in an oblique reference to Pakistan raising the Kashmir issue in the past meetings of the eight-nation grouping. "India believes that to enhance connectivity, it is important that we move forward by following the core principle of respecting each other's sovereignty and territorial integrity," Modi said while referring to New Delhi's involvement in International North South Corridor project, development of the Chabahar port and Ashgabat agreement. The Prime Minister's remarks came in the backdrop of the Sino-India border row in eastern Ladakh and China's contentious Belt and Road connectivity project.

Pakistan Prime Minister Imran Khan, Russian President Vladimir Putin and other top leaders of the influential grouping attended the summit. On his part, Xi, without referring to any country or specific issue, said members of the SCO should deepen mutual trust and resolve disputes and differences through dialogue and consultations. The Chinese president said that history has proved, and will continue to prove that good, neighbourly friendship will go beyond a beggar-thy-neighbour approach, mutually beneficial cooperation will take over the zero-sum game and multilateralism will prevail over unilateralism. "We need to deepen solidarity and mutual trust and resolve disputes and differences through dialogue and consultations," Xi said. In his address, Khan opposed "illegal and unilateral" actions by any country to change the status of disputed regions in violation of UN Security Council resolutions and even called for the implementation of the UN resolutions to resolve outstanding issues and create an environment for peace and stability. The Pakistan prime minister did not name any country. In his address, Modi also emphasised on the need to follow the core principles of the SCO. "India has always been resolute in working in sync with principles laid out in the SCO charter. But it is unfortunate that there have been repeated efforts to unnecessarily bring bilateral issues in the SCO agenda which is in violation of the SCO spirit," he said. In mid-September, India's National Security Advisor Ajit Doval walked out of a virtual meeting of top security officials of the SCO member states after the Pakistani representative projected a map that inaccurately depicted Kashmir. Prime Minister Modi reiterated also India's firm belief in regional peace, security and prosperity and noted that it is raising voice against terrorism, smuggling of illegal weapons, drugs and money-laundering. Referring to COVID-19, he said India will use its capacity in production and distribution of vaccines to help the entire humanity in fighting the pandemic, and noted that in this difficult time also, Indian pharma industry had sent essential medicines to over 150 countries. "India strongly believes that a combination of economic multilateralism and national capacity building can help the countries including in the SCO region recover from the economic losses caused by the pandemic," Modi said. "I am confident that a self-reliant India will prove to be a force multiplier for the world economy and will trigger a momentum for economic development of the SCO countries," he said. Highlighting the imperative of a reformed multilateralism to meet the expectations of a world suffering from the social and financial after-effects of the pandemic, Modi said India, as a non-permanent member of the UNSC, beginning from 1 January 2021, will focus on the theme of reformed multilateralism to bring about desirable changes in global governance. The Prime Minister also talked about India hosting a summit of the council of heads of government of the SCO on November 30 in the virtual format, and said an elaborate agenda is being prepared focusing on economic issues. India has also proposed setting up working groups on innovation, start-up and traditional medicines, he said. On UN reforms, he said though it completed 75 years of existence and achieved many successes, the main goal of the global body is still incomplete. Asserting that India has strong cultural and historical connect with the SCO region, Modi reiterated the government's firm commitment towards strengthening connectivity in the region with initiatives like International North-South Transport Corridor, Chabahar Port and Ashgabat agreement. The International North South Transport Corridor (INSTC) is a 7,200-km-long multi-mode transport project for moving freight among India, Iran, Afghanistan, Armenia, Azerbaijan, Russia, Central Asia and Europe. Ashgabat agreement is a transport agreement among several Gulf and Central Asian countries which is aimed at creating a transit corridor to spur trade and investment. India has been supporting the project.

Modi also extended full support to observe the 20th anniversary of SCO in 2021 as the "SCO Year of Culture". He also spoke about India's own initiatives to hold the first SCO exhibition on shared Buddhist heritage to be organised by the National Museum of India, SCO Food Festival in India next year and the translation of 10 regional language literary works into Russian and Chinese, the ministry of external affairs said in a statement. The Prime Minister congratulated President Emomali Rahmon of the Republic of Tajikistan for assuming the chairmanship of SCO next year and assured full cooperation of India, it added.

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in any other law for the time being in force, no member of medical or paramedical staff of the Sher-i Kashmir Institute of Medical Sciences, Srinagar shall indulge in private practice in any manner." The order further read that in case any medical or paramedical staff is proved to have acted in breach of sub-rule, it shall amount to misconduct attracting major penalty, besides he shall be liable for criminal prosecution under the relevant provisions of law. In pursuance of the LG's order, Director SKIMS Dr A G Ahangar has sought absolute compliance from the SKIMS staffers. Ahangar said the order casts legal and moral responsibility on in-service faculty and medical professionals associated with the Institute and added that any deviation or non-compliance noticed at any stage from any faculty or staff member will be responded with strict action as envisaged in the government order banning the private practice. He expressed hope and exuded confidence that the faculty and medical staff of the Institute will uphold the established precedent of moral standards and professional responsibility befitting their reputation and professional demands. (With KDC inputs)

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dispute and for this purpose organize seminars, conventions, delegate its members to various places within and outside India to become members of other associations, bodies or forums which share common outlook with the associates," the notice issued to the Bar read. "You are required to explain your position on the subject, since its not in the consonance with the Constitution of India, whereby J&K is an integral part of the country and not a dispute; and also in conflict with the advocates act 1961 which governs the subject vis-à-vis administrative legal points." (KNO)

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officials said. In Valley, two among the victims were residents of Srinagar and one each from Baramulla, Pulwama and Bandipora districts. Srinagar district with 383 deaths tops the list followed by Jammu (271), Baramulla (151), Budgam (94), Pulwama (84), Kupwara (75), Anantnag (76), Rajouri (48), Kulgam (48), Bandipora (48), Doda (48), Shopian (35), Ganderbal (35), Udhampur (32), Kathua (33), Samba (25), Poonch (23), Ramban (18), Kishtwar (15), and Reasi (8).

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people infected by the virus across the Union Territory to 99844. While 286 new cases were detected from Kashmir Valley, the remaining 206 were confirmed by officials from the Jammu division. Giving district wise details, they said, Srinagar reported 131 cases, Baramulla 28, Budgam 38, Pulwama 9, Kupwara 14, Anantnag 18, Bandipora 10, Ganderbal 36, Kulgam 1, Shopian 1, Jammu 93, Rajouri 5, Udhampur 24, Doda 12, Kathua 14, Poonch 5, Samba 11, Kishtwar 28, Ramban 8 and Reasi 6. Moreover, they said, 635 more COVID-19 patients have recovered and were discharged from various hospitals— 200 from Jammu Division and 435 from Kashmir Valley.

MMU Renews Call For Release...

In a meeting held at Mirwaiz Manzil, Rajouri Kadal on Tuesday, the MMU leaders conveyed their strong dismay over the continuous house arrest of the Mirwaiz due to which the pulpit of Jamia Masjid has gone silent, an MMU spokesperson said. He said the meeting presided by administrator of Darul Uloom Raheemiyah Bandipora, Moulana Muhammad Rehmatullah also termed the arbitrary house arrest of Mirwaiz as a matter of concern for the Muslims of the valley and for all the religious organisations as well. "All MMU representatives during the meeting strongly demanded the immediate release of the beloved religious leader of J&K and Mirwaiz-e-Kashmir Moulvi Muhammad Umar Farooq so that he fulfils his responsibilities the Institution of Mirwaiz enjoins upon him," the MMU spokesperson said. The meeting, he said also deliberated upon the serious challenges faced especially by the youth who "are being pushed to mental agony and other miseries due to the prevailing situation," The MMU spokesperson said that the participants stressed that under such grave circumstances people, especially youth must fight with conviction the present challenges by adopting Uswa-e-Rasool (SAW) and forge unity among their ranks and file

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The Indian Army effectively retaliated, they said. "At about 1030 hours, Pakistan Army initiated unprovoked ceasefire violation by firing with small arms & shelling with mortars along LoC in Shahpur, Kirmi and Qasba sectors in district Poonch", a defence spokesman said. On October 1, an Army jawan was killed and another injured, when the Pakistan Army violated ceasefire and resorted to heavy firing and mortar shelling along the LoC in Krishnagati area of Poonch district, officials said. An Army personnel was killed and two others, including an officer, injured on September 5 as Pakistani troops violated ceasefire by using heavy fire and mortar shells along the Line of Control in Sunderbani sector of Rajouri district, officials said. On September 2, a JCO was killed in ceasefire violation by the Pakistan Army along the LoC in Keri sector of Rajouri. According to official sources, 3589 ceasefire violations by Pakistan were reported along the LoC and the International Border till October 6 this year compared to a total of 3168 in 2019.

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facilitated during these elections so that they would feel secured to cast their ballot on the polling day," Sinha said. He said the liaison between the different security agencies should be cohesive and strong for effective actions on the ground. On the occasion, Senior Superintendents of Police informed the Lt Governor that all the arrangements have been made to ensure the smooth conduct of polling in their respective districts with deployment of forces and other security arrangements already in place. While appreciating the role of J&K Police, Sinha said it is "one of the finest professional forces of the country besides it has a splendid history of valour and sacrifice." "I am confident that J&K Police is capable of dealing with emerging situations while maintaining a close watch on all inimical elements to ensure peace in the region," he said. Earlier, the Lt Governor received "guard of honour" on his arrival at the Armed police headquarters, an official spokesman said. He said advisor to Lt Governor, R R Bhatnagar, Chief Secretary B V R Subrahmanyam, Secretary Home, Shaleen Kabra, Director General of Police, Dilbag Singh attended the meeting, while Inspector General of Police, Kashmir and other senior police officers from the Kashmir division attended the meeting via video conference. At the outset, IGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar and SSPs of Kashmir division briefed the Lt Governor regarding security arrangements and other preparatory measures for the upcoming elections in their respective districts, the spokesman said.

Sports Council to conduct league Tournaments

S RINAGAR, NOVEMBER 10: The J&K Sports Council is going to conduct league tournaments from 16th of November 2020 onwards under the name and title of 'Premier league J&K'.
The league Tournaments are to be held at Districts, Divisional and UT levels in Football, Hockey, Volleyball and Kabaddi during the current financial year 2020-21.
The president/ secretaries of the concerned Associations Viz, J&K Football Association, Hockey JK, Volleyball Association of J&K and Amateur Kabaddi Association of J&K are informed to keep their teams ready for the participation in the said Tournament.

Attar to Head Fee Fixation Panel

S rinagar: Justice (Retired) Muzaffar Hussain Attar has been appointed as the Chairman of Committee for Fixation and Regulation of Fee of Private Schools, by Government, the formation of which is aimed at preventing commercialization of education.
His appointment as the Chairman of Committee shall be taking effect from the date he assumes the charge.
Pertinently, according to the news agency, private schools have been under constant criticism for raising the fee structures exuberantly, without considering the difficulties that parents have been facing since last more than one year, because of twin lockdowns.
With the appointment of Muzaffar Hussain Attar as Chairman of the Committee it is expected that the grip against the private schools that are indulging in profiteering will be tightened.



Farooq Renzushah presided over 'Posh Zoozraan', a literary & cultural event of Angel's Academy on Tuesday at Tagore Hall Srinagar.

Committee constituted for rent fixation in Srinagar

Rooms hired by students to have standard rent; time redressal of complaints

S RINAGAR, NOVEMBER 10- District Magistrate, Srinagar has constituted a committee for fixation of rent of rooms hired by students in the city. The inter-departmental committee has been entrusted to finish the task within a period of 15 days. Meanwhile directions have been issued to concerned authorities to ensure that students do not face inconvenience on this account.
The committee constituted with Assistant Commissioner Revenue as convener is composed of Superintending Engineer PWD, Superintending Engineer Hydraulic, Superintending Engineer Power, Chief Education Officer and Deputy Controller Legal Metrology. Deputy Commissioner as chairman of the District Rent Assessment Committee has tasked the team to arrive

at a uniform rate to be fixed based on different types of accommodations offered to students in Srinagar city.
The committee will workout per square feet rent in different locations and also take into account the standard expenses involved viz a viz power and water supply, or any other recurring tariff. The Department of Legal Metrology has been asked to receive the complaints in case of violation and initiate action wherever instances of overcharging are detected.
It is pertinent to mention here that a large number of students in various areas of the city complained about overcharging of room rent and related issues. The district administration has accordingly initiated the process for a fair and transparent process to ensure standardisation of rent

to be paid for hired properties.
Deputy Commissioner, Shahid Iqbal Choudhary directed the officers to obtain feedback from students as well as owners of such rented properties to the maximum extent possible for a fair assessment, working out tariff on account of services as well as rentals per unit area to arrive at standard rates which is indispensable to do away with the reported instances of arbitrary overcharging of rent reported in many cases.
Subsequent to the fixation of rates by the District aren't the Assessment Committee the district administration having appointed Legal Metrology as nodal department will receive complaints, related to violation, at the district call centre for redressal and necessary action.

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- PDD: 0194-2450213
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HIGHWAY STATUS

- Sgr-Jammu highway - (Open)
- Mughal Road - (Open)
- Srinagar- Leh - (Open)



HIJRI CALENDAR
23 Rabi-ul-Awwal
1442

PRAYERS	
FAJR	5: 35
ZUHR	12: 14
ASR	3:52
Magrib	5:32
ISHA	6:54

This Day In History

- 1945 - Nobel Peace Prize awarded to Cordell Hull (establishing UN)
- 1953 - David Ben-Gurion, resigns as Prime Minister of Israel
- 1963 - Train crash in Japan, kills 164
- 1970 - Scientists perform 1st artificial synthesis of a live cell
- 1974 - A salmon is discovered in the River Thames, England, for the first time since 1833.
- 1979 - US President Carter announces a halts to Iranian oil imports & freezes Iranian assets
- 1981 - 2nd shuttle mission-1st time spacecraft launched twice (Columbia 2)
- 1981 - Great Britain performs nuclear test
- 1984 - Space shuttle astronauts snared a satellite 1st space salvage
- 1985 - STS 61-B vehicle moves to launch pad
- 1989 - Brazil holds its 1st free presidential election in 29 years
- 1990 - Crown Prince Akihito is formally installed as Emperor Akihito of Japan, becoming the 125th Japanese monarch.
- 1990 - Tim Berners-Lee publishes a formal proposal for the World Wide Web
- 1991 Atlanta Brave Tom Glavine wins NL Cy Young Award
- 1991 - Dili Massacre, Indonesian forces open fire on a crowd of protesters in Dili, East Timor, killing at least 250
- 1995 - STS 74 (Atlantis 15), launches into orbit
- 2001 - Taliban forces abandon Afghanistan's capital Kabul, ahead of advancing Afghan Northern Alliance troops
- 2001 - In New York City, American Airlines Flight 587, an Airbus A300 on its way to the Dominican Republic, crashes minutes after takeoff from John F. Kennedy International Airport, killing all 260 on board and five on the ground.
- 2003 - With 501 km/h (311 mph) Shanghai Transrapid sets up a new world record for commercial railway systems.
- 2003 - Iraq war: In Nasiriyah, Iraq, at least 23 people, among them the first Italian casualties of the 2003 Iraq war are killed in a suicide bomb attack on an Italian police base.
- 2006 - The former Soviet republic of South Ossetia holds a referendum on independence from Georgia.
- 2011 - Silvio Berlusconi resigns as Prime Minister of Italy due, in large part, to the European sovereign debt crisis.
- 2012 - Into the Silence by Wade Davis wins the 2012 Samuel Johnson Prize
- 2014 - European Space Agency's Rosetta lands the Philae probe on the comet 67P/Churyumov-Gerasimenko
- 2015 - Suicide bombings in Lebanon kill 43, Isis claim responsibility
- 2016 - Jackie Chan awarded honorary Oscar for his film achievements at 8th Annual Governors Awards ceremony

From KO Archives

US election drama drags on; trailing Gore wants hand count, loses faith in machines

AGENCIES
WASHINGTON: Republican George W. Bush's lead over Democrat Vice-President Al-Gore has been pegged at 327 votes after a final unofficial recount in Florida, prompting the Bush camp to ask Gore to concede defeat but the outcome of the US Presidential election will not be known till next week as several thousand postal ballots are expected from abroad.
Vice president Al-Gore, who the recounts showed was trailing by 327-votes to Republican George W Bush has demanded more vote recounts in crucial Florida state particularly hand counts in four of the 67 counties. Saying machines make mistakes.
Meanwhile, news reports said a court in Palm Beach had ordered a freeze on the recount process in the county pending a hearing next week on alleged irregularities that could hurt Gore.
Three days after the voting, the election to the White House was mired in uncertainty facing legal challenges and the world yet to know as to who is the next incumbent.
The unofficial count by the Associated Press county-by-county slightly boosted Bush's tally after earlier counts had showed the margin as 225 votes.
The recount showed Bush won Florida, Bush's communication director Karen Hughes claimed in a statement in Austin, Texas, asking Gore to concede.
The Gore camp hit back saying contrary to claims by the rival side this election is not over.
Again we want the true and accurate will of the people to prevail and that means the legal system to run its course. If at the end of that process, George Bush is the victor, we will respect that result, Gore campaign chairman William Daley said in a statement.
(Kashmir Observer, November 11, 2000)

Office Of The Assistant Regional Transport Officer Budgam Kashmir
NOTICE




Where an application for transfer of ownership has been received from one. Shri : Mohammad Lateef Paul S/o: Mohammad Yousuf Paul R/o: Gangibagh Chadoora (Transferor) of I-20. Vehicle bearing registration number JK04D-7860. Chasis number 384326 Engine no. 322154 Model 2017. in favour of Shri.. Mohammad Saleem Dar S/o. Abdul Ahad Dar R/o Moomin Abad Batamaloo Srinagar (Transferee) as well as HPA cancellation with M/S J & K Bank Ltd B/U Chadoora is also required
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Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir
Office of the Divisional Forest Officer Social Forestry Division Kupwara.
e- NIT NO: - 02 OF 2020-21 DATED: 09-11-2020

For and on behalf of the Hon'ble Governor of Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir, e-tenders are invited from approved and eligible contractors registered with Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir /Central Govt. Organizations for the following work:-

S. NO	NAME OF WORK	ADV. COST (Rs. In Lacs)	EARNEST MONEY (Rs. In Lacs)	CLASS OF CONTRACTOR	Cost of Tender Document. (Rs)	TIME OF COMPLETION Calendar days.	Receiving / Opening Committee.
1	Providing & Fixing of Barbed Wire Fencing (4500) Rfts, with Angle Iron Posts in Cement Concrete Blocks Compt. 4B/NH at Kralpora Dardsun, SF Range Kupwara	7.20	0.144	"C&D"	Rs. 500/=	30	Tender Opening Committee

The e-NIT Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bills of quantities, (B.O.Q) set of Terms & Conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the Website: -www.jktenders.gov.in.

Position of AA: Accorded
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Position of Funds: Demanded

Publishing Date: - 09-11-2020
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Bid submission End Date: 17-11-2020 Up to 04.00 PM
Date of Opening of Technical Bid Online. 18-11-2020 at 11.00-AM in the Office of the Divisional Forest Officer Social Forestry Division Kupwara at Zangli.
Date of Opening of Financial Bid Online: 18-11-2020 at 12.00-AM in the Office of the Divisional Forest Officer Social Forestry Division Kupwara at Zangli.

01. The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the website: - https://jktenders.gov.in
02. The date for opening of Technical & Financial bids online shall be opened as per time schedule mentioned above.
03. Bids uploaded must accompany Govt. Treasury Receipt (cost of tender document) in shape of Treasury Challan for the amount shown against the work above to be deposited in Govt. Treasury under Account Head 0406- Forest and earnest money in shape of CDR/FDR pledged in favor of Divisional Forest Officer Social Forestry Division Kupwara. The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 30 days from the date of opening of bids.
04. All other terms and conditions shall remain same as per PWD form 25 (double leaf) and as per the detailed document.

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K O V I E W

Biden and South Asia

With the US president-elect Joe Biden set to replace the incumbent Donald Trump in January, the US policies towards South Asia are expected to nuance a bit and may be in some areas go through a conspicuous makeover. As for the US relations with India, and their growing closeness, this is unlikely to change.

Ever since the former US president Bill Clinton's visit to India in 2000, when US decisively reached out to India, the relations between the two countries have moved to next level. Economy apart, their cooperation across a broad array of geo-political issues has intensified. Besides, regional dynamics have changed fast over the past two decades. The US-Pakistan relations have lost their old raison d'être. China's rise and expanding clout together with India's importance as a regional counterweight has redrawn the US priorities in the region. Such a shift has profoundly impacted the nature of issues like Kashmir. In the ongoing gradual shift from a unipolar to a bi-polar world, India is asserting itself as a global power. This has now firmly ruled out the chances of outside mediation on Kashmir if ever there was one.

No doubt, new regional challenges have cropped up over the last year. China's incursions in Ladakh have created a possibility of a bigger confrontation between the two Asian giants. The US under Trump had thrown its weight around India, a policy whose continuation may look moot under Biden. It also depends on whether the Biden administration will continue Trump's confrontationist approach towards China or prefer negotiation over their trading issues. Any understanding between the two super powers will nuance the US slant towards India. Democrats will be back to seeing mutual, shared democratic values of religious freedom, tolerance and democracy as underpinning the India-US relationship. A shared enemy in China alone will not be enough.

However, Biden administration could be beneficial to India on many counts. For example, unlike with Trump, a trade agreement with the US may be easier to work out. Also on immigration and HIB visas the path could be smoother. Tech companies both in the US and India will get much-needed relief if the visa issue is cleared.

Many observers also expect some accommodation of Pakistan in the new US administration. In 2008, Pakistan had conferred Biden with the second highest civilian honor, 'Hilal-e-Pakistan'. Joe Biden and Senator Richard Lugar were behind the proposal to bring \$ 1.5 billion non-military aid to Pakistan. Biden will also want to withdraw troops from Afghanistan, but he'll be a steadier hand. Here's hoping that unlike Trump whose approach was transactional in nature, Biden administration takes a more integrated view of the regional situation in his dealings. This alone will help promote the cause of regional peace than a disparate approach pursued by Trump.

OTHER OPINION

Muslim world & US

As the page turns on the Trump era, many will be waiting to see how the incoming president Joe Biden will deal with the Muslim world, as well as followers of Islam within America.

Perhaps his most challenging foreign policy issues — at least within the Muslim world — will be the Iran and Arab-Israeli files. Mr Trump had ripped up the painstakingly reached Iran nuclear deal in 2018, invited global opprobrium, and put Washington and Tehran on a collision course with the assassination of senior Iranian general Qassem Soleimani in 2020. Regarding the Palestine issue, the Trump White House jettisoned all pretence of impartiality by recognising occupied Jerusalem as Israel's capital, as well as recognising Tel Aviv's illegal occupation of Syria's Golan Heights. Mr Biden is also deeply pro-Israel, but has said he wants to open channels with the Palestinians, channels that the Arab side closed after Mr Trump's Jerusalem stunt.

Beyond the Middle East, the world will wait to see if the Biden administration will address the Kashmir issue. To be fair, Mr Trump had offered several times to mediate the dispute, but such offers did not get off the ground. Mr Biden has said on the campaign trail that he would "raise the issue of Kashmir" with India. The months ahead will show if this promise will be met. And of course Pakistan will also look forward to positive engagement with the president-elect, who should hopefully bring a more balanced approach to South Asia.

The fact is that Mr Biden's election is a return to the status quo where the American foreign policy establishment is concerned. It should be remembered that Barack Obama had said all the right things during his 2009 speech in Cairo addressed to the Muslim world. However, it was under Mr Obama's watch that wars involving the US in Syria, Libya and Yemen were launched. Joe Biden will therefore have to demonstrate that the American establishment has learned lessons from these misadventures, and wants to engage the Muslim world with respect for sovereignty and the popular will within these states.

Dawn



Poetic Justice

R. RAJ RAO

The case also underscores the increasing friction that we have been witnessing in state after state between the Governor and the elected Chief Minister from a rival political party. It happened in Jammu & Kashmir, it happened in West Bengal, and now with the Governor of Maharashtra

Republic TV founder Arnab Goswami has been arrested in a suicide abatement case. This is a classic case of poetic justice, for Goswami himself has held media trials on his television channel indicting Shashi Tharoor and Rhea Chakraborti, among others, on murder and/or suicide abatement charges. In Tharoor's case, Goswami noisily claimed that his wife Sunanda Pushkar had been murdered by him, or that he had abetted her suicide. Similar claims were made by Goswami against Rhea Chakraborty when actor Sushant Singh Rajput was found dead in his Bombay apartment in June this year. Yet neither of these pronouncements by Goswami has been upheld by the courts. Of course, Chakraborty was arrested in August and released on bail after a month. However, this was in a drugs-related and not a suicide abatement case.

Unlike in Tharoor's and Chakraborty's case where there is no evidence of abatement, there is actually a suicide note left behind by architect Anvay Naik of Maharashtra that says that he is ending his life due to non-payment of dues to the tune of Rs. 83 lakhs by Arnab Goswami for work done by Naik. Naik's aged mother was also found dead in his house.

The above incident occurred in May 2018 when the BJP was still in power in Maharashtra and Devendra Fadnis was the Chief Minister. Naik's daughter has now alleged that Inspector Suresh Warade who was handling the case at the time hushed it up at the behest of his political masters. The Shiv Sena led Maha Vikas Aghadi government which rules Maharashtra today has ordered an inquiry against Inspector Suresh Warade.

Goswami has been arrested under Section 306 of the IPC. However, the moment he was arrested by the Mumbai Police, the BJP government at the centre went into overdrive and rushed to his defence. They twisted facts by calling it a case of thwarting press freedom, as Prime Minister Indira Gandhi did during the Emergency, while in truth, the arrest wasn't for anything that Goswami had said or written, but was for the abatement of Anvay Naik's suicide.

Never before in the history of independent India has the ruling dispensation spoken up so vociferously for a journalist be-

longing to a private TV channel. This never happened even in the days when the state-controlled All India Radio and Doordarshan were the only electronic news channels that we had at our disposal, although AIR and Doordarshan news anchors were actual government employees whom the government had an obligation to defend.

But is Republic TV really a private news channel? It may be stated here that it is the only channel to which Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who has never held a press conference during his entire tenure as Prime Minister, actually gave an interview! Arnab Goswami remains the only Indian journalist who is so privileged that many airlines imposed a six-month embargo on stand-up comedian Kunal Kamra when he heckled Goswami on a flight.

That Arnab Goswami's arrest

state between the Governor and the elected Chief Minister from a rival political party. It happened in Jammu & Kashmir, it happened in West Bengal, and now the Governor of Maharashtra, Bhagat Singh Koshyari, has expressed concern over Arnab Goswami's security in prison, and has asked that his family be allowed to visit him in jail. But why is such concern not forthcoming when scores of other journalists are arrested for honestly doing their job?

Ever since Goswami's arrest Republic TV has ceased to be a news channel. All its prime time shows merely concern Goswami's release. Hard core news, such as results of the Bihar or US elections, is totally absent on Republic TV. Though it continues to call its news programmes a 'debate', they are hardly debates, for there are no dissenting voices; no one speaks in support of Goswami's

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is justified is proved by the fact that the Bombay High Court has refused to grant him interim bail. He is currently in judicial custody and has been shifted from the Alibag lock-up to the Taloja Central Jail. Besides, the Delhi High Court has also admitted a case filed by 34 Bollywood production houses and four film industry associations against Goswami and two journalists from Times Now, Navika Kumar and Rahul Shivshankar, for the kind of slanderous campaign that they have been carrying out against the film fraternity ever since Sushant Singh Rajput's death. Incidentally, the production houses include those owned by top names in the film industry, such as the Khans, Karan Johar, Ajay Devgan and Farhan Akhtar. Even Akshay Kumar, who it will be recalled was one of the first people to donate Rs. 25 core to the PM Cares Fund at the height of the coronavirus lockdown, is also said to be a signatory to the writ petition.

The case also underscores the increasing friction that we have been witnessing in state after

arrest, though a large number of us secular liberal Indians believe that Goswami pushed the envelope too far, and in a way dug his own grave.

We see the usual suspects on Republic TV, ranging from Sambit Patra to former Manushi editor Madhu Kishwar screaming at the top of their voices in defence of Arnab Goswami, mischievously silent about the torture he has inflicted on so many Indians for years through his malicious television shows. That is why I see his arrest as a much welcome instance of poetic justice.

Views expressed in this article are author's own and do not necessarily reflect that of Kashmir Observer

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Don't let your guards down

With familiarity, fear takes a backseat. This is true of most things in life and isn't any different for our experience with Covid-19. This accounts for our oscillation between the overly cautious and overly callous phases throughout this year. However, safety lies in consistency and smart adjustments.

As complaints about cold and coughs increase, we must add a little more to our list of precautions. To begin with, in addition to wearing masks and washing hands regularly,

we must also ensure that we avoid covid-19 scares by averting covid-like symptoms which are very common in winters, as well. This will be possible by ensuring that we take maximum precautions with the food we consume, the clothes we wear and with how we tackle the cold.

We must also be cautious, alert and not take covid-19 any less serious now.

Gradually, people have gone back to the old ways of being hunky dory with their masks. This is the attitude with which we landed in trouble in the first place. Therefore, we must not

let our guards down and must follow SOPs religiously.

Another challenge we may face this winter is the imposed isolation that comes with winters. Coupled with Covid-19, this winter can turn a little more lonely than the by-gone ones. This calls for more and more check on our mental health and also requires us to be accessible to others to provide help, assistance and share a few smiles.

Yet another challenge is to ensure that the winter does not harm those with limited resources.

Winters in Kashmir are challenging because they expose us to the harsh treatment of nature and expose the gaps and fissures in our society more than ever. Those who do not have an easy access to resources will have it extremely difficult. Therefore, community efforts should now be strengthened to ensure that basic necessities are accessible to all and that covid-19 related assistance is not out of reach for those who cannot afford healthcare like a luxury.

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Cyberwar: The warfare of Technology

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As countries keep weaponising, it has become all the more dangerous to go ungoverned without rules and regulations regarding digital warfare. Due to our increased dependency on the digital, new warfare can include impeding day-to-day functions of a city by breaching their operation systems.

Maybe the world is losing the way of peace and daily issues between various countries across the globe are making us live with the fear of being victims of war. Cyber warfare includes digital attacks through computer viruses and hacking by countries to cause damage and harm to each other's security. With the advancement of digital age, it is very likely that along with conventional warfare, we will also be fighting wars with cyber weapons. Data is extremely important in today's day and age; this is where the digital space is vital in undermining the security, safety and progress of nations by compromising their data and using it to their own advantage.

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Data is not only important in national security concerns but is also very important in today's market driven world. Any breach of data can compromise sensitive information of people which is then sold to advertisers for money.

Botnets Spear phishing and social engineering, too, are techniques deployed in order to get cyber criminals closer to the targeted systems.

India is one of the leading outsourcer of IT labour yet it is surprising that it has not placed adequate attention towards cyber security. However, nascent efforts in this direction have been on cards since July 2018. For instance, an upgraded Defense Cyber Agency is to control all issues of cyber security. Indian IT specialists have created a product that may be used to process massive amounts of information for the purposes of intelligence and counter-intelligence. Additionally, the brick foundation of Innefu Labs in 2010, which develops products related analytics and cyber security—works with large enterprises, defense agencies and law enforcement agencies in India. The startup has even worked with



the Indian army.

In the present scenario, the common citizen wants to live with peace and hope the government will come with all security measures in the cyber world to ensure the security to its networks, defense and citizens.

The Indian authorities are paying more and more attention to conducting defensive and offensive operations in cyberspace while striving to reduce the country's dependence on tools developed abroad and giving preference to forward-looking India-made products.

At present, Pakistan, China, and the U.S. are India's key adversaries in cyberspace.

Very recently, following the skirmishes in La-

dakh, the Ministry of Information and Technology on September 2, 2020, banned PUBG and 118 other widely popular Chinese mobile applications. As per the statement by the ministry, a total of 118 mobile apps have been banned by the government as they are prejudicial to the integrity, sovereignty, public order, and defense of India.

Kashmir, due to its political situation, is at a huge risk. Our data and privacy is going to be increasingly vulnerable in the future and one can only hope that the political scenario favors peace and we avert the dangers of a cyberwar.

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In Vogue's 1969 Christmas issue, Vladimir Nabokov offered some advice for teaching James Joyce's "Ulysses": "Instead of perpetuating the pretentious nonsense of Homeric, chromatic, and visceral chapter headings, instructors should prepare maps of Dublin with Bloom's and Stephen's intertwining itineraries clearly traced." He drew a charming one himself. Several decades later, a Boston College English professor named Joseph Nugent and his colleagues put together an annotated Google map that shadows Stephen Dedalus and Leopold Bloom step by step. The Virginia Woolf Society of Great Britain, as well as students at the Georgia Institute of Technology, have similarly reconstructed the paths of the London amblers in "Mrs. Dalloway."

Such maps clarify how much these novels depend on a curious link between mind and feet. Joyce and Woolf were writers who transformed the quicksilver of consciousness into paper and ink. To accomplish this, they sent characters on walks about town. As Mrs. Dalloway walks, she does not merely perceive the city around her. Rather, she dips in and out of her past, remolding London into a highly textured mental landscape, "making it up, building it round one, tumbling it, creating it every moment afresh."

Since at least the time of peripatetic Greek philosophers, many other writers have discovered a deep, intuitive connection between walking, thinking, and writing. (In fact, Adam Gopnik wrote about walking in The New Yorker just two weeks ago.) "How vain it is to sit down to write when you have not stood up to live!" Henry David Thoreau penned in his journal. "Methinks that the moment my legs begin to move, my thoughts begin to flow." Thomas DeQuincey has calculated that William Wordsworth—whose poetry is filled with tramps up mountains, through forests, and along public roads—walked as many as a hundred and eighty thousand miles in his lifetime, which comes to an average of six and a half miles a day starting from age five.

What is it about walking, in particular, that makes it so amenable to thinking and writing? The answer begins with changes to our chemistry. When we go for a walk, the heart pumps faster, circulating more blood and oxygen not just to the muscles but to all the organs—including the brain. Many experiments have shown that after or during exercise, even very mild exertion, people perform better on tests of memory and attention. Walking on a regular basis also promotes new connections between brain cells, staves off the usual withering of brain tissue that comes with age, increases the volume of the hippocampus (a brain region crucial for memory), and elevates levels of molecules that both stimulate the growth of new neurons and transmit messages between them.

The way we move our bodies further changes the nature of our thoughts, and vice versa. Psychologists who specialize



Science Of Strolls

FERRIS JABR

in exercise music have quantified what many of us already know: Listening to songs with high tempos motivates us to run faster, and the swifter we move, the quicker we prefer our music. Likewise, when drivers hear loud, fast music, they unconsciously step a bit harder on the gas pedal. Walking at our own pace creates an unadulterated feedback loop between the rhythm of our bodies and our mental state that we cannot experience as easily when we're jogging at the gym, steering a car, biking, or during any other kind of locomotion. When we stroll, the pace of our feet naturally vacillates with our moods and the cadence of our inner speech; at the same time, we can actively change the pace of our thoughts by deliberately walking more briskly or by slowing down.

Because we don't have to devote much conscious effort to the act of walking, our attention is free to wander—to

overlay the world before us with a parade of images from the mind's theatre. This is precisely the kind of mental state that studies have linked to innovative ideas and strokes of insight. Earlier this year, Marily Oppezzo and Daniel Schwartz of Stanford published what is likely the first set of studies that directly measure the way walking changes creativity in the moment. They got the idea for the studies while on a walk. "My doc-

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toral advisor had the habit of going for walks with his students to brainstorm," Oppezzo says of Schwartz. "One day we got kind of meta."

In a series of four experiments, Oppezzo and Schwartz asked a hundred and seventy-six college students to complete different tests of creative thinking while either sitting, walking on a treadmill, or sauntering through Stanford's campus. In one test, for example, volunteers had to come up with atypical uses for everyday objects, such as a button or a tire. On average, the students thought of between four and six more novel uses for the objects while they were walking than when they were seated. Another experiment required volunteers to contemplate a metaphor, such as "a budding cocoon," and generate a unique but equivalent metaphor, such as "an egg hatching." Ninety-five per cent of students who went for a walk were able to do so, compared

to only fifty per cent of those who never stood up. But walking actually worsened people's performance on a different type of test, in which students had to find the one word that united a set of three, like "cheese" for "cottage, cream, and cake." Oppezzo speculates that, by setting the mind adrift on a frothing sea of thought, walking is counterproductive to such laser-focused thinking: "If you're looking for a single correct answer to a question, you probably don't want all of these different ideas bubbling up."

Where we walk matters as well. In a study led by Marc Berman of the University of South Carolina, students who ambled through an arboretum improved their performance on a memory test more than students who walked along city streets. A small but growing collection of studies suggests that spending time in green spaces—gardens, parks, forests—can rejuvenate the mental resources that man-made environments deplete. Psychologists have learned that attention is a limited resource that continually drains throughout the day. A crowded intersection—rife with pedestrians, cars, and billboards—bats our attention around. In contrast, walking past a pond in a park allows our mind to drift casually from one sensory experience to another, from wrinkling water to rustling reeds.

Still, urban and pastoral walks likely offer unique advantages for the mind. A walk through a city provides more immediate stimulation—a greater variety of sensations for the mind to play with. But, if we are already at the brink of overstimulation, we can turn to nature instead. Woolf relished the creative energy of London's streets, describing it in her diary as "being on the highest crest of the biggest wave, right in the centre & swim of things." But she also depended on her walks through England's South Downs to "have space to spread my mind out in." And, in her youth, she often travelled to Cornwall for the summer, where she loved to "spend my afternoons in solitary tramping" through the countryside.

Perhaps the most profound relationship between walking, thinking, and writing reveals itself at the end of a stroll, back at the desk. There, it becomes apparent that writing and walking are extremely similar feats, equal parts physical and mental. When we choose a path through a city or forest, our brain must survey the surrounding environment, construct a mental map of the world, settle on a way forward, and translate that plan into a series of footsteps. Likewise, writing forces the brain to review its own landscape, plot a course through that mental terrain, and transcribe the resulting trail of thoughts by guiding the hands. Walking organizes the world around us; writing organizes our thoughts. Ultimately, maps like the one that Nabokov drew are recursive: they are maps of maps.

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The Candidate whose Photograph is Published in this notice is claiming to have LOST his/her Original Qualification Certificate (s) of Class 10th issued by BOSE Under Registration No... with following particulars:

Name:- SHAMIM AHMAD BHAT
Parentage:-GH RASOOL BHAT
Residence:-CHECKI BRINTY ANANTNAG
Mothers Name:-MUKHTE BEGUM
Date Of Birth:-08/01/1968
Roll No. (s)
1) Class 10th 160705 Year & Session October November 1991
Now the Candidate has applied for their duplicate Qualification Certificate. Anybody (if) having any objections in this regard may please file the same before the undersigned within (07) days from the date of publication of this notice. Besides the above referred Qualification Certificate treated as cancelled.

Sd/
ASSISTANT SECRETARY
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Government of Jammu & Kashmir
Directorate of Tourism, Kashmir
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Sub: Application for change of ownership of Guest House "Sunshine INN" situated at Abi Buchwara Dalgate, Srinagar.

Public Notice

Whereas, Guest House under the name and style "Sunshine INN" is registered with the Tourism Department under Registration No. Reg./11915/DT/L-7/P-9 dated 11/07/2008 in the name of Mrs. Diana Rah w/o Late Abdul Aziz Rah R/o Abi Buchwara Dalgate and the Registration Certificate stands renewed up to 31/03/2019.

Whereas, Mr. Ghulam Rasool Mandoo S/o Mr. Shaban Mandoo R/o Abi Buchwara Dalgate, Srinagar has vide application dated 09/07/2020 submitted that the registration for the said Guest House be transferred in his name;

Whereas, the original registration certificate holder has submitted NOC to the transfer of the Registration Certificate from her name to Mr. Ghulam Rasool Mandoo S/o Shaban Mandoo R/o Abi Buchwara Dalgate, Srinagar.

Whereas, the applicant has submitted following documents along with the applications: -

1. Affidavit.
2. Character Certificate.
3. Aadhar Card
4. PAN Card.
5. Sale Deed.
6. Original Registration Certificate.

Now, therefore, in exercise of powers conferred on me under J&K Registration Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011-12 under section 39, before effecting change in the registration records in respect of the Guest House "Sunshine INN" in favor of Mr. Ghulam Rasool Mandoo S/o Mr. Shaban Mandoo R/o Abi Buchwara Dalgate, Srinagar the matter is hereby notified for information of general public/ Financial institutions/ organizations, etc. that in case of any objections, the same should reach to this office within a period of 07 days from the publication of this notice in the local newspapers. No objections beyond period of 07 days will be entertained and ownership of the Guest House shall be transferred under rules after submission of all documents

DIPK-8796/20
No: -Reg./1010/1813/DTK Dated: - 09/11/2020

Sd/-
Deputy Director Tourism,
Registration Kashmir

OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER ANANTNAG

No.101/4040/MVD/ANG Date:-09/11/2020

NOTICE

Whereas joint application has been received by this office from Mr.Ferooz Ahmad Mandoo S/O Haji Habidullah Mandoo R/O Natipora Sangam Anantnag(Party No.1st) as Transferor, (Seller) Owner of the Vehicle Truck Bearing Regd. No.JK03C-3323(Commercial/ Non-Commercial) covering under R/P No.2343/GC/ANG. and M/S Naaz Transport Company Prop.Nazir Ahmad Akhoun R/O Batwara Chowck Srinagar(Party No.2nd) as Transferee (Purchaser) requesting for transfer of R/C & R/P of the above noted Vehicle from party No 1st and 2nd. And Cancellation /Endorsement of hire purchase agreement with JK Bank Marhama Anantnag.Before the case is disposed off on its merit, anybody have any objection regarding the proposed transfer Amy file his objection within(7) days from the publication of this notice to the office of the undersigned. No any representation / objection shall be entertained after stipulated period.

Assistant Regional
Transport Officer Anantnag

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OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER ANANTNAG

No.101/4060/MVD/ANG Date:-10/11/2020

NOTICE

Whereas joint application has been received by this office from Mr.Mohd Yousuf Dar S/O Ghulam Rasool Dar R/O Tilipora Malpora Anantnag(Party No.1st) as Transferor, (Seller) Owner of the Vehicle Truck Bearing Regd. No.JK03E-6030 (Commercial/ Non-Commercial) covering under R/P No.3842/GC/ANG. and Mr.Wali Mohammad Lone S/O Sonallah Lone R/O Balyar Marhama Bijbehara Anantnag(Party No.2nd) as Transferee (Purchaser) requesting for transfer of R/C & R/P of the above noted Vehicle from party No 1st and 2nd. And Cancellation /Endorsement of hire purchase agreement with ED Bank Kelam.Before the case is disposed off on its merit, anybody have any objection regarding the proposed transfer Amy file his objection within(7) days from the publication of this notice to the office of the undersigned. No any representation / objection shall be entertained after stipulated period.

Assistant Regional
Transport Officer Anantnag

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SAD DEMISE

With profound grief and sorrow, we inform the sad demise of **Syed Fida Hussain Rizvi**, a resident of **Baghwanpora Lal Bazar** who suddenly left us tearful in his early age after a brief illness.

The deceased was an intellectual par excellence, a noted mathematician, a subtle teacher and a spiritual icon.

Meanwhile, the **Fateh Khwani** of the deceased will be observed on **11th of November 2020 (Wednesday)** at his ancestral graveyard, **Hakim Mohalla, Baghwanpora, Lal bazaar at 7:30 am.**

Due to COVID-19, no congregational fateh Khawani shall be observed however people are requested to offer fateh for the departed soul from home.

BEREAVED
HAJI SYED RAZA RIZVI



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(Government of Jammu and Kashmir)

OFFICE OF THE WILDLIFE WARDEN NORTH DIVISION SOPORE

EXTENSION NOTICE

Due to poor response, the date of submission of bids, in respect of NIT No: E-NIT/11/CRD OF 2020-21 e-Tendering, Dated: 29-10-2020 is being extended as per the new schedule of dates given below: -

1	Date of issue of Tender Notice	29-10-2020
2	Period of downloading of bidding documents	30-10-2020 to 14-11-2020
3	Bid submission start date	30-10-2020
4	Bid submission End date	14-11-2020 up to 6:00 PM
5	Date & time of opening of bids (online)	Technical Bids to be opened on 16-11-2020 at 11:00 AM. And Financial Bids to be opened (online) after Evaluation of Technical Bids received.

No: WLW(N)/Accts/2020-21/350-54
Dated: 09-11-2020

DIPK-8727/20

Sd/-
Wildlife Warden
North Kashmir Division
Sopore



UNIVERSITY OF KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, CONSTRUCTION DIVISION

E-TENDER NOTICE

For and on behalf of the University of Kashmir, e-tenders (In Two cover system) are invited on Percentage (%age) basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with Govt. of J&K/ other union territories and CPWD, Railways and other State/ Central Governments for the following work (fulfilling the eligibility criteria mentioned in detailed condition of contract uploaded with the Tender Notice on the web):-

S.No	Name of Work	Est. Cost (Rs. In Lacs)	Earnest Money (Rs. In Lacs)	Cost of T/Doc. (In Rs.)	Time of completion	Bid Submission date	Date & time of opening of Technical Bids	Class of Contractor
1.	Construction of Internal Road Network at Zakura Campus Phase-I.	202.00	4.04	5500.00	06-Working Months	11-11-2020 To 26-11-2020 (6.00 PM)	27-11-2020 (11:00AM)	"Special Class & AAY Class"

The bid forms and other details can be downloaded from the website www.kashmiruniversity.net / www.jktenders.gov.in

No:-F (E.Tend) (Road Zakura)19/KU2020-CONS-/Gen-200
Dated:-10-11-2020

Executive Engineer

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

Directorate of Tourism, Kashmir

Tel:0194-2315378, Fax 0194-2479548, e-mail: ddtreg@jktourism.or

Subject: - Grant of Registration of the Proposed Travel unit under the name & style "M/s Sajideen Tour & Travels".

PUBLIC NOTICE

Whereas, Mr. Adil Qayoom Dar S/o Mr. Abdul Qayoom Dar R/o Khonmoh, Srinagar, Kashmir has applied in this office for Registration of his Travel Unit under the name and style "M/s Sajideen Tour & Travels" situated at Ahenger complex, Khonmah near J&K Bank, Srinagar under Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011-12.

Whereas, the applicant has submitted State Subject, Site Plan, Affidavit, Bank statement and Rent Deed duly stamped by Sub-Registrar and other related documents.

Now therefore, in exercise of powers conferred on me under section 10 of Registration of Tourist Trade Act 1978/82/2011/12, before the request of the applicant is considered for registration of the unit, the matter is hereby notified for information of general public/ Financial Institutions/Bank/Organization, etc for objection if any. The same should reach this office with necessary objections within a period of 7 days from the publication of this notice in the local newspaper. No objections beyond period of 7 days will be entertained and request of the applicant will be considered as per rules.

No: Reg/T/UP/989/DTK
Dated: 03.11.2020

DIPK-8733/20

Sd/-
Deputy Director Tourism,
Registration (Kashmir)

Government of Jammu & Kashmir

MECHANICAL HOSPITAL & CENTRAL HEATING DIVISION SRINAGAR

(Phone No: 0194-2496089, E-mail id: xenmhchdk@yahoo.in) Website: www.medkmr.org

NIT No: MHCHD/TS/2020-21/183
Dated: 09.11.2020

SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDER

Date of sale of tender documents.	From 10.11.2020 to 19.11.2020 (2.00 P.M)
Last date of receipt of Tenders.	20.11.2020 upto 2PM.

For & on behalf of the Lt. Governor of Jammu & Kashmir, sealed tenders affixed with Rs.5/- revenue stamps are invited from the registered firms/Govt. Contractors for the below mentioned work:

S. No	Description of work.	Estimated cost in Rupees	Amount of Earnest Money, in Rs.	Cost of Tender document in Rs.	Time of completion	Position of Funds
1	Reconfiguration PLC (Model No: ES4000) of CP 180 model (816 Cfm) Screw Type Air Compressor C and allied works at Govt. SMHS Hospital.	93,000/-	1900/-	200/-	05 Days	Available as communicated by Intending Department

The tender must be accompanied with the requisite earnest money deposit in the shape of CDR/FDR drawn from any scheduled/national bank and pledged in favour of Executive Engineer, MH&CH Division, Srinagar. The tenders found without earnest money shall be rejected out rightly at the time of opening of tender.

The tender document can be had from the office of the undersigned during working hours against cost mentioned above, in the form of IPO/Demand Draft or Cash Payment. Tender documents shall be issued subject to production of certificates to the following effect:

1. Latest Sales tax clearance certificate/or as applicable as per new GST rules.
2. J&K State Sales Tax Registration Certificate/ GST registration certificate.
3. Documentary proof of similar nature of work in any Govt./Semi-Govt. Department.

The tenders should reach the office of undersigned on 20.11.2020 upto 2 P.M and shall be opened on the same day or any subsequent date convenient to the undersigned in presence of the tenderers who may be present on the spot.

The envelope containing tender should properly be superscripted with Tender Notice no, Name of work and Name of tenderer.

DIPK-8757/20

Sd/-
Executive Engineer
Mechanical Hospital & Central Heating Division,
Srinagar.

No: MHCHD/TS/ MHCHD/TS/5591-97 Dated: 09-11-2020

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR

OFFICE OF THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR ESTATES KASHMIR

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Corrigendum to Circular No. DDES/Pvt.hotel/2020/4646-47 dated 04/11/2020

Sub:- Attendance statement of Move / Non-Move employees lodged in Pvt. Hotels / Guest Houses and JKTDC hotels for the session 2020 - required in connection with payment of catering charges to Hoteliers.

Kindly read receiving date by or before 20th November, 2020 instead of 20th October 2020 mentioned in Column 2 of said circular.

No. DDES/Pvt.hotel/2020/4664-65 Dated. 9/11/2020

DIPK-8728/20

Deputy Director Estates
Srinagar, Kashmir

Karabakh war is over; Armenia agrees to withdraw forces

Agencies

Baku: Armenia, Azerbaijan and Russia signed an agreement on Tuesday to end six weeks of fierce fighting in Nagorno-Karabakh in a deal Armenian Prime Minister Nikol Pashinyan described as "unspeakably painful" in an emotional Facebook post.

The post was the first indication of a deal, with Pashinyan saying the agreement would take effect from 1am on Tuesday (21:00 GMT on Monday) to end a conflict that has left at least 1,000 people dead.

The deal was later confirmed by Azerbaijan and the Kremlin.

"The signed trilateral statement will become a (crucial)

nia), the second-biggest city in the enclave, had been taken by Azeri forces. Azerbaijan also said on Monday it had taken dozens more settlements.

Describing the decision as "unspeakably painful for me personally and for our people", Pashinyan said the agreement followed "an in-depth analysis of the military situation" that has seen Azeri forces closing in on Stepanakert, the region's main city.

He said the agreement was "the best possible solution to the current situation".

Peacekeepers brought in

In Azerbaijan, meanwhile, Aliyev said the agreement was "historic" and that Armenia had been forced to negotiate be-



point in the settlement of the conflict," Azerbaijan's President Ilham Aliyev said in a televised online meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

The agreement came hours after ethnic Armenian officials in the disputed region confirmed that the key city of Shusha (known as Shushi in Arme-

cause of Azerbaijan's military successes.

"This statement has historic significance," he wrote on Twitter. "This statement constitutes Armenia's capitulation. This statement puts an end to the years-long occupation. This statement is our Glorious Victory!"

US Imposes New Sanctions On Syria, Targets Oil, Intelligence

Agencies

Washington: The United States on Monday imposed new sanctions targeting Syria's oil sector, lawmakers and intelligence officers, vowing no let-up in pressure on President Bashar al-Assad despite his gains on the ground.

"The Assad regime has a choice: take irreversible steps toward a peaceful resolution of this nearly decade-long conflict or face further crippling sanctions," Secretary of State Mike Pompeo said in a statement.

The Treasury Department and State Department barred transactions with 19 individuals or entities and froze any US assets they might have - its fifth round of sanctions since a tough new US law on Syria came into force.

Sanctioned entities include two partners of Syria's petroleum ministry - Arfada Petroleum Private Joint Stock Co and Sallizar Shipping, which are at work on an oil refinery

in war-ravaged Raqa province and a terminal in the coastal city of Tartus.

The United States also slapped sanctions on General Ghassan Jaoudat Ismail, head of Syrian Air Force Intelligence, and Brigadier General Nasr Al-Ali, who heads the Political Security Directorate, a spy agency in charge of curbing dissent against Assad.

The Caesar Act, which took effect in June, restricts any US reconstruction assistance and keeps up pressure on Assad, demanding accountability, even though he has won back control of most of Syria following more than nine years of bloodshed.

The State Department said it was imposing the latest sanctions in memory of the more than 70 civilians killed in an October 2015 bombing of a marketplace in Douma, a city near Damascus then under rebel control that was hit three years later by a chemical attack, according to a UN probe.



Biden, Kamala gear up to build back everything 'better than ever'

Press Trust Of India

Washington: Tackling the Covid-19 pandemic, economic crisis, systemic racism and climate change are the top priorities for the Biden administration, according to his transition team, as President-elect Joe Biden and Vice-President-elect Kamala Harris gear up for building back everything "better than ever".

Following a tense week of vote tallying, Democratic presidential candidate Biden, 77, on Saturday won the state of Pennsylvania and vaulted ahead in the race to become the next president of the United States. Biden's win in the key battleground state put him over the threshold of 270 electoral votes, cutting off all avenues for his opponent, incumbent Republican President Donald Trump.

As Biden's Vice-President,

Harris, 56, will make history in myriad ways, becoming the first woman - and the first woman of colour - to occupy the office. The Biden team updated its website to showcase four policy areas the incoming administration will prioritise: Covid-19, economic recovery, racial equity and climate change. "We aren't just going to rebuild what has worked in the past. This is our opportunity to build back better than ever," said the Biden-Harris transition team. — PTI

Good-paying jobs also on the list

President-elect Joe Biden has a plan to create millions of good-paying jobs, make it easier for workers to organise unions and collectively bargain, and to give America's working families the tools, choices and freedom they need to build back better.

Beijing, Russia hold back on congratulating prez-elect

China and Russia held off congratulating US President-elect Joe Biden on Monday, with Beijing saying it will follow usual custom in its response and the Kremlin noting incumbent Donald Trump's vow to pursue legal challenges. Trump has not conceded defeat and plans to rally. Reuters

Merkel: EU, US must work side by side on countering terrorism

German Chancellor Angela Merkel on Monday congratulated US President-elect Joe Biden and called for the EU and the US to work "side by side" to tackle the pandemic, global warming, terrorism, but also acknowledged the EU must do more to take care of its own security. Merkel held up Biden as an experienced leader. Reuters

First images of final design of Abu Dhabi's first Hindu temple released

Press Trust Of India

Abu Dhabi: The majestic stone facade of the first Hindu temple coming up in Abu Dhabi will be adorned with scenes

ages of the final design of the traditional stone temple and the hand-carved stone pillars that have been taking shape in India, the Gulf News reported.

The visuals of the final de-



from Hindu epics, scriptures and ancient stories from India, as well as motifs popular in the Gulf countries, according to a media report on Tuesday.

The temple management of the BAPS Hindu Mandir in Abu Dhabi has released the first im-

sign of the temple have been released through a video that chronicles the progress of the temple right from the inception of its concept till the pouring of the UAE's largest single pouring of fly ash concrete for the raft foundation of the temple.

The foundation stone of the temple was laid in April last year and work started from December.

Dubbed a spiritual oasis for global harmony, the temple's final master plan revealed in the video shows a massive amphitheatre overlooking the shrine, the daily reported.

A library, a classroom, a majlis and a community centre have also been featured within the compound in Abu Mureikha area. Waterfalls flanking the steps to the entrance of the shrine, and water bodies circling the temple complex can also be seen in the video.

The design of the master plan was completed in early 2020, and optimised engineered during the slowdown due to the COVID-19 pandemic, a spokesperson of the temple told the Gulf News. This is the first time the visuals of the final design have been released through the video, said Ashok Kotecha, BAPS Hindu Mandir spokesperson.

ISIL-linked attackers behead 50 people in northern Mozambique

Agencies

Macomia: Police say attackers beheaded and dismembered more than 50 people in northern Mozambique's Cabo Delgado province over the past three days as violence in the area continues.

The ISIL-linked fighters attacked several villages in the districts of Muudumbe and Macomia, killing civilians, abducting women and children and burning down homes, Bernardino Rafael, commander-general of Mozambique's police said during a media briefing on Monday.

"They burned the houses then went after the population who had fled to the woods and started with their macabre actions," said Rafael.

Witnesses told local media the assailants herded residents onto the local football field in the village of Muatide where the killings were carried out.

Security forces in gas-rich Cabo Delgado province have been fighting the armed group - which pledged allegiance to ISIL (ISIS) last year - since 2017.

But some analysts have questioned how serious the ISIL (ISIS) link really is, saying the root of the unrest may be poverty and inequality rather than religion. Little is known about the fighters who call themselves al-Shabab - although they have no known links to the group of that name operating in Somalia.

The unrest has killed more than 2,000 people since 2017 - more than half of them civilians, according to the US-based Armed Conflict Location & Event Data Project.

The violent attacks in Cabo Delgado have triggered a humanitarian crisis with more than 300,000 internally displaced people and 712,000 in need of humanitarian assistance, according to an Amnesty International report released last month.

Gunmen fired shots and set homes alight when they raided Nanjaba village on Friday night, the state-owned Mozambique News Agency quoted survivors as saying. Two people were decapitated and several women abducted.

A separate group of fighters attacked Muatide village where they beheaded more than 50 people, the news agency reported.

Villagers were chopped to pieces in an atrocity carried out from Friday night to Sunday, Pinnacle News portal reported.

The dismembered bodies of at least five adults and 15 boys were found on Monday scattered across a forest clearing in Muudumbe district.

"Police learnt of the massacre committed by the insurgents through reports of people who found corpses in the woods," said an officer in the neighbouring Mueda district who asked not to be named.

Pfizer's Ultra-Cold COVID-19 Vaccine Needs Minus 70 Degrees Celsius

Agencies

New York: Work to distribute the experimental COVID-19 vaccine developed by Pfizer Inc and BioNTech is gearing up after the companies announced successful interim data earlier on Monday, but it will not be coming to local pharmacies for the general public any time soon.

The data, which sent U.S. stocks to record highs, showed that the two companies' experimental vaccine is 90% effective at preventing COVID-19. They are still awaiting data on safety, which could come later this month.

Pfizer and BioNTech need to get regulators to sign off on the shot before it can start shipping vaccines to those considered most in need by the government. Healthcare workers and people living in nursing homes will likely top that list.

But the vaccine's complex and super-cold storage requirements are an obstacle for even the most sophisticated hospitals in the United States and may impact when and where it is available in rural areas or poor countries where resources are tight.

The main issue is that the vaccine, which is based on a novel technology that uses synthetic mRNA to activate the immune system against

the virus, needs to be kept at minus 70 degrees Celsius (-94 F) or below.

"The cold chain is going to be one of the most challenging



aspects of delivery of this vaccination," said Amesh Adalja, senior scholar at Johns Hopkins Center for Health Security.

"This will be a challenge in all settings because hospitals even in big cities do not have storage facilities for a vaccine at that ultra-low temperature."

Indeed, one of the most prestigious U.S. hospitals, the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, Minnesota, said it does not currently have that capability.

"We're talking about a vaccine that needs storage at minus 70 or 80. That's a tremendous logistical issue not only in the U.S. but outside the Western world," said Dr Gregory Poland, a virologist and vaccine researcher with the Mayo Clinic.

"We're a major medical center and we don't have storage capacity like this. That will be true for everybody. This is a logistical obstacle."

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Donald Trump Fires Defence Secretary Mark Esper After Election Defeat

Washington: President Donald Trump on Monday announced by tweet that he had fired Defense Secretary Mark Esper, further destabilizing a government already navigating Trump's refusal to concede election defeat to Democrat Joe Biden.

"Mark Esper has been terminated. I would like to thank him for his service," Trump said on Twitter.

He announced that Christopher Miller, the current head of the National Counterterrorism Center and former special forces officer, would replace Esper as acting defense secretary.

Esper, Trump's fourth Pentagon chief in four years, was fired after 16 months in the job trying to keep his head down politically as he pursued fundamental reforms to the mas-



sive Pentagon bureaucracy and sought to reshape the US defense posture worldwide to focus on the threat of China.

But Trump was angered when Esper resisted pressure to deploy federal troops to quash civil unrest, and also slow-walked Trump's desire for a rapid full withdrawal of US troops from Afghanistan while violence continues in the country.

Trump's move, expected by many insiders, was nevertheless a shock, coming just a

week after losing his bid for reelection to Democrat Joe Biden and just 10 weeks before he will depart the White House.

It added also adds to a sense of lowered security in the country, as Trump refuses to accept the verdict of last Tuesday's election and has pledged to reverse it in court.

Miller spent 31 years in the army, deploying in Afghanistan in 2001 and Iraq in 2003 with the special forces.

After retiring, he became a consultant on clandestine operations and intelligence to the government.

In 2018-2019 he was a White House advisor on counterterrorism and transnational threats, and from 2019 was deputy assistant secretary of defense for special operations.

In August he was named director of the National Counterterrorism Center.

Afghan Woman Shot, Blinded, For Getting Job

Kabul: The last thing 33-year-old Khatera saw were the three men on a motorcycle who attacked her just after she left her job at a police station in Afghanistan's central Ghazni province, shooting at her and stabbing her with a knife in the eyes.

Waking up in hospital, everything was dark.

"I asked the doctors, why I can't see anything? They told me that my eyes are still bandaged because of the wounds. But at that moment, I knew my eyes had been taken from me," she said.

She and local authorities blame the attack on Taliban terrorists - who deny involvement - and say the assailants acted on a tip-off from her father who vehemently opposed her working outside the home.

For Khatera, the attack caused not just the loss of her sight but the loss of a dream she had battled to achieve - to have an independent career. She joined the Ghazni police as an officer in its crime branch a few months ago.

"I wish I had served in police at least a year. If this had happened to me after that, it would have been less painful. It happened too soon ... I only got to work



and live my dream for three months," she told Reuters.

The attack on Khatera, who only uses one name, is indicative of a growing trend, human rights activists say, of an intense and often violent backlash against women taking jobs, especially in public roles. In Khatera's case, being a police officer could have also angered the Taliban.

The rights activists believe a mix of Afghanistan's conservative social norms and an emboldened Taliban gaining influence while the United States withdraws its troops from the country is driving the escalation.

Lockdown declared word of 2020 by Collins Dictionary

London: Lockdown, the containment measure implemented by governments around the world to mitigate the spread of COVID-19, has been named the Collins Word of the Year 2020.

According to the dictionary, lockdown is defined as "the imposition of stringent restrictions on travel, social interaction, and access to public spaces".

"Our lexicographers chose lockdown as Word of the Year because it is a unifying experience for billions of people across the world, who have had, collectively, to play their part in combating the spread of COVID-19," Collins said.

"Language is a reflection of the world around us and 2020 has been dominated by the global pandemic," said Helen Newstead, language content consultant at Collins.

"Lockdown has affected the way we work, study, shop, and socialise. With many countries entering a second lockdown, it is not a word of the year to celebrate but it is, perhaps, one that sums up the year for most of the world," she said.

The dictionary said it registered over a quarter of a million usages of the word lockdown during 2020, against only 4,000 the previous year.

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