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## ILLEGAL CONSTRUCTIONS GO UNABATED IN SRINAGAR

Agricultural land is under severe threat as the construction of illegal structures is going unabated in various areas especially in Palpora, Noorbagh areas of Srinagar city.

P5 THINK

## KASHEER THROUGH MY EYES

For someone like me who always had a dream to visit the 'paradise on earth'- Kashmir, coming face to face with the restrained might that the mystic valley possesses was an event of some magnitude. For me, Kashmir has always



P7 STATE

## BIRD FLU SCARE GRIPS KUPWARA AS CROWS FOUND DEAD

Fresh cases of bird flu has sent shock waves across North Kashmir's Kupwara as scores of crows were found dead in Lolab area of the district.



The sun always shines above the clouds  
—Paul F. Davis

## NEWS DIGEST

### J&K Reports 94 Corona Cases

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Kashmir reported on Monday 94 new cases of coronavirus, including twenty-one travellers, taking the total number of people infected by the virus across the Union Territory to 127734. While 85 cases were reported from Kashmir Valley, the remaining nine were confirmed positive for virus from [More On P6](#)

### NIA Raids Detenue's House In Sumbal

SRINAGAR: The sleuths of National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday raided a house in Sumbal in area of Bandipora district in connection with the Handwara narcotics case. The sleuths of NIA joined by police and CRPF personnel raided the house of Showkat Ahmad Paray in Wangipora village in Sumbal on Monday morning, reports said. [More On P6](#)

### Leopard Injures 2 Men In Kulgam

SRINAGAR: A leopard on Monday attacked and injured two people in Damhal Hanjipora area of south Kashmir's Kulgam district. 55-year-old Ghulam Mohammad Dar and 35-year-old Javid Ahmad Dar were on their way home to Damhal Hanjipora when a leopard attacked them in forest area Balnard on Monday afternoon, reports said. The beast injured the duo before fleeing from the spot. [More On P6](#)

### Woman Ends Life In Bandipora

SRINAGAR: A woman died after allegedly consuming some poisonous substance at her home in Rampora village of north Kashmir's Bandipora district, reports said Monday. The 32-year-old (name withheld) consumed some poisonous substance at her residence in Rampora village Sunday night, news agency KNO reported. She was immediately rushed to the district hospital Bandipora for treatment. [More On P6](#)

### 6 Gamblers Held In Twin Raids: Police

SRINAGAR: Police claimed on Monday to have arrested six gamblers in separate raids in central Kashmir's Srinagar and Ganderbal districts. Mushtaq Ahmad Sheikh, Aijaz Ahmad Khan, Parvaiz Ahmad Parry and Lateef Ahmad Dar were arrested by cops of police station Shergarhi after a raid on a gambling site, a police spokesperson said Monday. He said [More On P6](#)

## Encounter In Shopian Ends After 3 Days

Jaish Commander Sajad Afghani, Associate Killed

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Top Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) commander Vilayat Ahmad Lone alias Sajad Afghani was killed by government forces in a 72-hour long operation in south Kashmir's Shopian district that ended on Monday.

Afghani, according to a police spokesperson was killed on Monday in his native village Rawalpura in Shopian which has remained under siege since the outbreak of encounter on Saturday last. A resident of Rawalpura village in Shopian, Afghani had joined militant ranks in September 2018, he said.

On Sunday, Afghani's associate Jahangir Ahmad Wani of Lashkar-e-Toiba was killed in the gun-battle.



The top Jaish commander, the police spokesperson said was killed after the encounter resumed in the wee hours of Monday after remaining suspended for the night. Afghani's body, he said was retrieved from the encounter site after the search operation was resumed.

He further said that IGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar and GoC Victor Force conducted aerial monitoring of the operation and law and order situations at the encounter site.

Revealing the details of Afghani's role as a militant, the police spokesperson said that he was part of a group involved in executing a series of attacks on policemen, state forces and civilians.

"He was also involved in attacks on security establishments and brutal killings of civilians branding them as police and state forces informers," he said.

Giving additional details, the police spokesperson said that Afghani was wanted by law for his complicity in several militancy cases including threatening [More On P6](#)



### DGP COMPLIMENTS FORCES

Hours after Jaish-e-Mohammad (JeM) commander Vilayat Ahmad Lone alias Sajad Afghani was killed in encounter in Shopian, Jammu and Kashmir Director General of Police Dilbagh Singh on Monday said the killing of top militant commanders will provide respite to the common people [More On P6](#)

## Mehbooba Revamps PDP, Forms PAC

Press Trust Of India

SRINAGAR: Peoples Democratic Party president Mehbooba Mufti on Monday revamped the party's organisational structure and named new office bearers as well as members of the political affairs committee. She nominated



senior leader Abdul Rehman Veeri as the party vice president whereas G N Lone Hanjura, [More On P6](#)

### IMRAN STEPS DOWN AS PC GEN SECY

Imran Ansari on Monday announced his resignation as the general secretary of the People's Conference led by former Jammu and Kashmir minister Sajad Lone. Ansari took to Twitter to announce his decision, [More On P6](#)

## Div Com Raps CMOs Over Low Corona Testing

Agencies

SRINAGAR: A top official of Jammu & Kashmir administration has expressed displeasure over a meagre number of symptomatic cases being tested for COVID-19 in Kashmir Valley.

Official documents reveal that divisional commissioner Kashmir, P.K. Pole has expressed displeasure over a meagre number of

symptomatic cases being tested for COVID-19 by the districts during the last four weeks.

"The divisional commissioner Kashmir took a serious note of rapid decline in Rapid Antigen Testing in districts and directed the CMOs to enhance testing as per revised targets besides keeping ratio of RAT and RT-PCR in proportion as per government guidelines," reads [More On P6](#)

## World's Highest Railway Bridge In J&K Nearing Completion

Lower Ends Of The Arch Over Chenab River Connected

Agencies

JAMMU: In a historic moment, the railways has connected the two ends of the main arch of the world's highest bridge on the Chenab river in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district which will provide direct connectivity to Kashmir Valley.

The iconic bridge will soar 359 metres above the bed of the river and will be 30 metres higher than the iconic Eiffel Tower in Paris.

Railway officials termed the development a historic one.

Railway Minister Piyush Goyal had recently shared the news on

Twitter.

"In a historic moment, the arch bottom of the Chenab bridge has been completed today. Next, the arch upper of the engineering marvel in making will be completed, he said.

The minister, who also shared a video of the achievement, had said it was set to become the world's highest railway bridge.

Facing grave challenges and life-threatening hazards posed by rough terrain and geological thrust zones, engineers and workers are toiling overtime to meet the last extended deadline set for completion of the world's highest railway bridge connecting Kashmir with the rest of the country.

The Northern Railway will be completing the most difficult 111-kilometre long section of the Udhampur- [More On P6](#)

## Anger Grows Against Rizvi's Anti-Islam Move

HCBA Calls For Legal Action, Kargil Clerics To Hold Protest On Friday

Observer Monitoring Desk

SRINAGAR: The Jammu and Kashmir High Court Bar Association (HCBA) on Monday called for legal action under blasphemy laws against former chairman of Shia Central Waqf Board Waseem Rizvi, while the clerics in Kargil have called for peaceful protests on Friday against the petition filed in Supreme Court seeking removal of 26 verses from the holy Quran.

In a statement issued here on Monday, the HCBA termed the writ petition filed by Rizvi before the top court as a move to hurt the piousness and dignity of the Holy Quran.

"It shows mental bankruptcy and devilish mentality of the said person by doing so, he has not hurt us, but also the sentiments of whole Muslim community all over the globe," the Bar statement said. It said that Rizvi was liable to be prosecuted and punished in terms of law for [More On P6](#)

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## Researchers Find Silkworm Silk May Help Better Treatment Of Muscle Atrophy



Agencies

In a step to discover the method to improve on traditional methods of cell culture, the researchers at the Utah State University recently used the silk from silkworm to grow skeletal muscle cells. The results of the study may hopefully lead to better treatments for muscle atrophy. When scientists are trying to understand the disease and test treatments, they generally grow model cells on a flat plastic surface (think petri dish). But growing cells on a two-dimensional surface has its limitations, primarily because muscle tissue is three-dimensional. Thus, USU researchers developed a three-dimensional cell culture surface by growing cells on silk fibers that are wrapped around an acrylic chassis. The team used both native and transgenic silkworm silk, the latter produced by silkworms modified with spider

silk genes. Native silkworm silks have been used previously as three-dimensional cell culture models, but this is the first time that transgenic silkworm silk has been used for skeletal muscle modeling. Elizabeth Vargis, Matthew Clegg, and Jacob Barney of the Biological Engineering Department, and Justin Jones, Thomas Harris, and Xiaoli Zhang of the Biology Department published their findings in ACS Biomaterials Science and Engineering. Cells grown on silkworm silk proved to more closely mimic human skeletal muscle than those grown on the usual plastic surface. These cells showed increased mechanical flexibility and increased expression of genes required for muscle contraction. Silkworm silk also encouraged proper muscle fiber alignment, a necessary element for robust muscle modeling. Skeletal muscle is responsible for moving the skeleton, stabilizing

joints, and protecting internal organs. The deterioration of these muscles can happen for myriad reasons, and it can happen swiftly. For example, after only two weeks of immobilization, a person can lose almost a quarter of their quadriceps muscle strength. Understanding how muscles can atrophy so quickly must begin at a cellular level, with cells grown to better represent reality. "The overarching goal of my research is to build better in vitro models," said Elizabeth Vargis, associate professor of biological engineering at USU. "Researchers grow cells on these 2D platforms, which aren't super realistic, but give us a lot of information. Based on those results, they usually transition into an animal model, then they move onto clinical trials, where a vast majority of them fail. I'm trying to add to that first step by developing more realistic in vitro models of normal and diseased tissue."

### PUBLIC NOTICE

I want to change the name on electricity bill bearing Consumer ID NO 0204040016892 from Ab Rashid Bhat S/o M. Abdullah R/o 630 KVA M.K CHOWK Srinagar To Shahid shabir M/s cellgallery . If anybody having any objection in this regard he/she mayfile his. her objection in the concerned office within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertaiend.

Shahid shabir  
R/o 630 KVA M.K CHOWK Srinagar

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

I am applying for the issuance of pesticides license under name and style Bhat Pesticides Berthipora Shopian if anybody having any objection in this regard he/she may file his/her objection in the office of the Plant Protection office Lal Mandi Srinagar within a period of seven days from the date of publication of this notice. After that no objection shall be entertaiend.

Azhar Gull  
S/o Gh Mohd Bhat

### The Jammu and Kashmir State Board Of School Education New Campus Bemina Srinagar Notice for General Public

Attention Please

The applicant/ candidate whose photograph is published in this notice and claiming to have lost her qualification certificate/s with below mentioned details:-

Name Tariq Ahmad Sheikh  
Father's Name Gh Mohi-ud-din Sheikh  
Mother's Fatima Begum  
Roll No/s :- 235309 year & session Annual 2003  
Redg No: 00NKM-364002  
Class 12TH

Date of Birth:- 04-02-1985

Residenc:- Pinjora Tangmarg Baramulla

According the candidate concerned has approach to this office for issuance of Duplicate Qualification /Marks Certificate/s, so before the same is processed and provided to the candidate, under rules, anybody having any objection in this regard, shall bring into the notice of Assistant Secretary of Certificate as well as Assistant Secretary Examination Unit I & III KD within the period of 10 & 7 days respectively, from the date of publication of this notice. (Besides the above referred "Qualification / Marks Certificate/s" Under Serial No:03 AKTR- 354292 be treated as "CANCELLED")

No: F(Cer is-I-DQC)B/KD/2021  
Dated ----03 -2021  
BMG



Assistant Secretary  
Certificates, KD.

### OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER KASHMIR NOTICE



Whereas, a joint application has been received from Shri Abdul Salam Laway S/o Jamal Laway R/o Basant Bagh Srinagar ( Transferor) and Shri Bilal Ahmad Wani S/o Abdul Rashid Wani R/o



Umer Chowk Hazratbal Srinagar (Transferee) for transfer of Maxi Cab carriage route Permit No / KP Covering Vehicle No JK01H- 5928.

Now, therefore, it is notified for general information that objections, if any to the proposed transfer of the said route permit / vehicle shall be filled in writing in the office of the Regional Transport Officer, Kashmir.

Within a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily News Paper Kashmir Observer. Seller and purchaser identified by the authorized representatives of M/S New J&K Road Way Namely Mohd Yaseen NO: JK/RTOK / 7778  
Dated: 15/03/2021  
Regional Transport Office, Kashmir

### Office of the Assistant Regional Transport Officer, Shopian NOTICE



Whereas joint application has been received by this office from Javed Bashir Mir S/o Bashir Ahamd Mir R/o Walthohallan Shopian (Party No 1st) as Transferor, (seller) owner of the vehicle bearing Regd. No. JK22A- 3561 And



Mr./ Showkat Ahmad Dar S/O Ab Aziz Dar R/O Tuiran Shopian (Parti No

2nd ) as Transferee (purchaser) requesting for transfer of ownership of the above noted vehicle from party No. 1st to 2nd and cancellation of hire purchase agreement with J&K Bank Bunnand Kulgam

Before the case is disposed off on its merits, any body having objection regarding the proposed transfer may file his objection within seven (7) days from the date of publication of this notice to the office of the undersigned . No any representation/ objection shall be enteretained after stipulated period.

No : ARTO/Spn/368-2021  
Dated 15-03-2017

S/D Asst Regional  
Transport Officer Shopian

### The Jammu And Kashmir State Board Of School Education, BRANCH OFFICE MAGAM

The candidates whose photograph is published in this notice is claiming to have lost the original marks certificate of 12th under Below mentioned Aadil Ahmad Sheikh S/o Bashir Ahamd Sheikh R/o Matipora Magam



Details Of Certificate Lost

Secondary School Exam (class 10th)  
Roll No 2421254 Session /Year Annual 2019

Now the candidate has applied for Duplicate Marks Card. Anybody (if) having any objection may file the some before undersigned with (07) Seven days from the date of publication of this notice. Besides, the original marks card is teated as cancelled.

Sd/ Assistant Secretary  
Sub Office Magam

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### The Jammu And Kashmir State Board Of School Education, BRANCH OFFICE MAGAM

The candidates whose photograph is published in this notice is claiming to have lost the original marks certificate of 12th under Below mentioned Name Jehan Aara D.o Ghulam Hassan Rather R/o Dhoibwan Kunzer Baramulla



Details Of Certificate Lost

Secondary School Exam (class 11th)  
Roll No 2153362 Session /Year Annual 2016

Higher Secondary School Exam PART -ii (class 12th)  
Roll No 2423238 Session /Year Annual 2017

Now the candidate has applied for Duplicate Marks Card. Anybody (if) having any objection may file the some before undersigned with (07) Seven days from the date of publication of this notice. Besides, the original marks card is teated as cancelled.

Sd/ Assistant Secretary  
Sub Office Magam

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### OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER KASHMIR NOTICE



Where as an application for transfer of ownership has been received from Yumana Masoodi S,D/o Ghulam Sibtain Masoodi R/o Rose Enclave Sanat Nagar Sgr (Transferor) of Daster bearing registration No. JK01AJ -2632 chasis No:



025032 Engine No: 064418 Model 2018 in favour of Nadeem Bash=eer S/o Basheer Ahamd Bawan R/o 60, Jeelan Abad Hyderpora Sgr (Transferee).

Now, therefore, it is notified for the information of the general, public that representation/ Objection, if any in connection with proposed transfer will be received within 7 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper Kashmir Observer to the address of undersigned. No, representation/ objection shall be considered unless it is made writing it is made in the aforesaid period.

NOJK-RTOK 7728  
Dated: 15/03/2021  
FKO

Sd/-  
Regional Transport Office,  
Kashmir

### SRINAGAR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION.

#### OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER LEFT RIVER WORKS DIVISION

TENDER NOTICE INVITING E- TENDERS

NIET NO: 38E-TENDERING/2020-21

DATED: 10-03-2021

FOR AND ON BEHALF OF THE SRINAGAR MUNICIPAL CORPORATION, E-TENDERS ARE INVITED ON ITEM RATE BASIS FROM APPROVED AND ELIGIBLE CONTRACTORS FOR THE FOLLOWING WORK:-

S.No	Name of work	Est. Cost (In Lacs)	Cost of Tender Document (Non-refundable)	Time of Completion in days/ Weeks	Class of Contract (Civil)	Head of Account
1.	Construction of Drain by way of PVC pipes near H/O Ab. Ahad and Others behind Masjid Noor at Dum Sum Kralpora Bagh e Mehtab	Rs.02.25/-	Rs.200/-	10 Days Strictly	DEE	State Capex 2020-21 @2lacs No.SMC/Plg/2020-21/634-39 Dated:29/08/2020
2.	Development of Graveyard by way of Earth Filling at Shahi Hamdan Lane 2 <sup>nd</sup> Umer Abad Colony Lawaypora	Rs.03.98/-	Rs.200/-	10 Days Strictly	DEE	Dev-Grant 2019-20 No.SMC/Plg/2019-20/240-43 Dated:09-07-2019
3.	Construction of tile path from the House of Muhammad Amin Andrabi to Zahoor Ahmad Sofi via Arshid Ahmad Shah at Al Fazal Colony Peer Bagh from H.No.23 Onwards Part - I	Rs.01.72/-	Rs.200/-	10 Days Strictly	DEE	14th F.C No.SMC/Plg/2020-21/1158-61 Dated:19-11-2020

1. Other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website [www.jktenders.gov.in](http://www.jktenders.gov.in) as per schedule of dates given below:-

1	Publish date	10-03-2021 04:00 PM
2	Document download	12-03-2021 10:00AM To 22-03-2021 04:00PM
3	Bid submission/uploading date	12-03-2021 10:00AM To 22-03-2021 04:00PM
4	Bid Opening date	23-03-2021 11:00 PM
5	Submission of hardcopy for successful bidder	24-03-2021 upto 4.00 PM

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

1. The successful bidder shall have to produce/deposit performance security 3% of the value of contract in shape of FDR/CDR pledged to Executive Engineer LRWD SMC before issuance of allotment to protect the department against any financial loss in the event of default of the successful bidder/tenderer which the successful bidder should submit / deposit within 05 days from the date of formal intimation is issued in his favour from the corporation.

2. The successful bidders/tenders should submit the hard copies of their documents including DD after the opening of tenders.

3. In case of Holidays/office happens to be closed on the date of opening of bids. Bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue

3(a). The intending tenderer/bidder should attach sales tax clearance certificate with upto date Validation without which no tenders/bids will be entertained.

4. The bid shall be opened online in the Office of Executive Engineer LRWD, SMC at Old Funds office Building Karan Nagar near National School Municipal Park on 23-03-2021 11:00 PM.

5. Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document in shape of Demand Draft pledged in favour of Chief Accounts Officer SMC payable at Srinagar or Bank receipt of tender fee deposit in the Municipal Account No: 0216010200000007 payable at J&K Bank Brach Balgarden. Scanned copy of the same withmentionofNIET No.& Serial no. to be uploaded along with all other documents including Bid Security Declaration with validitynot less than 180 days from the Bid due date.

No: SMC/EELRWD/ 6070-6080

Dated: 10-03-2021

Executive Engineer,  
Left River Works Division,  
Srinagar Municipal Corporation.

DIPK-NB-6387/20

### GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU KASHMIR Office of The Executive Engineer P.H.E Division Budgam H.Q: Budgam.

NOTICE INVITING E – TENDERS:

Short Term e– NIT No: 39/PHE/Bud/Civil of 2020–21.

For and on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor of Jammu Kashmir U.T., e – tenders are invited (in Single Cover System) on "item rate basis" from Registered/ Approved and valid Civil class of contractors/agencies registered with J&K Govt., CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Governments and whose registrations are renewed for current financial year for the following works:

S. No	Name of work	Estt. Cost ( In Lacs)	Cost of tender doc. (In )	Amount of earnest money (in )	Time for completion (in Days)	Class of contractor	Major head of account	Tender Call
1	Providing and laying and fitting of pipes for improvements to various Water Supply Schemes Viz. Ichgam area, Nasrullahpora / Garend Khurd / Garlen Haran Kalan / Naidgam area Solbugh / Wadwan / Haran area and Sebdan / Chowdary Bagh and Dooru area. (Under U.T capex ... stabilization)	15.24	1200/-	30,480/-	7 Days	B, C	Capex	1 <sup>st</sup>
2	Providing, Laying and fitting of washout 150 mm dia. For 0.60 Lac gallons per day capacity slow sand filtration plant at Shalnar and providing and laying of graded filter media.	12.45	1100/-	24,900/-	7 Days	B, C, D	Capex	1 <sup>st</sup>
3	Construction chain-link fencing around the premises of 0.60 lac Gallons Per Day Capacity Slow Sand Filtration plant at Takiya Farooq Shah WSS Semsan. (Under U.T capex ... stabilization)	10.44	1000/-	20,800/-	7 Days	B, C, D	Capex	1 <sup>st</sup>
4	Providing and laying of distribution system of Village Kanihama including re alignment of 150 mm dia. Raw water main upto new slow sand filtration plant site at Ratsun and Malapora. (Under U.T capex ... stabilization)	9.88	900/-	19,760/-	7 Days	C, D	Capex	1 <sup>st</sup>
5	Providing and laying of 150mm dia. DI pipes at Magam (Under U.T capex ... stabilization)	6.06	600/-	12,120/-	7 Days	C, D	Capex	1 <sup>st</sup>
6	Construction of chain link fencing around 0.60 lac Gallons capacity Slow Sand Filtration Plant WSS Semsan. (Under U.T capex ... stabilization)	6.02	550/-	12,040/-	7 Days	C, D	Capex	1 <sup>st</sup>
7	Providing and laying and fitting of 65/50/40 mm dia. G.I. Pipes for Augmentation of Water Supply Scheme Naraspora near New Bus stand Budgam and Upper Ganle Mohalla Mehdi Colony Budgam. (Under U.T capex ... stabilization)	5.64	500/-	11,280/-	5 Days	C, D	Capex	1 <sup>st</sup>
8	Providing and laying of pipes for charging of newly constructed Service Reservoir at Patwaw (Under U.T capex ... stabilization)	4.64	450/-	9,280/-	5 Days	D	Capex	1 <sup>st</sup>
9	Improvements to water supply of Ganai Mohallah for Water Supply Scheme Magam Narbal	3.38	400/-	6,760/-	5 Days	D	Capex	1 <sup>st</sup>

Position of AAA:- Accorded; Position of funds:- Available; Position of TS:- Accorded;  
The Bidding Documents and other details can be downloaded from the website: <https://jktenders.gov.in>  
From 15.03.2021 (10:00 a.m) 20.03.2021.03.2021 (04:00 p.m)  
The Bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, Drawings (if any), Book 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](http://www.jktenders.gov.in)  
As per schedule of dates given below

01	Date of publishing of Tender Notice	15.03.2021
02	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 15.03.2021 10:00 a.m. To 20.03.2021 04:00 p.m.
03	Bid Submission Start Date	15.03.2021 10:00 a.m.
04	Bid submission End Date	20.03.2021 Upto 04:00 p.m.
06	Date and time of opening of Bids (Online)	20.03.2021 at 4:30p.m. in the office of the Executive Engineer PHE Division Budgam (H.Q. Budgam)

1. Bids must be accompanied by bid security viz: Earnest Money, CDR/FDR and Treasury Receipt (mentioning therein the NIT No., S.No. of work and Advertised Cost as per the NIT) under M.H 0215 to be pledged in favor of the Executive Engineer PHE Division Budgam (as specified in the table (I) (Page 1st). Bid security will have to be in any one of the forms as specified in the bidding documents and shall be valid for 90 Days after opening of bid. Bids will be opened in the Office of the Executive Engineer PHE Division Budgam (H.Q. Budgam) on 20.03.2021 at 4:30p.m. If the office happens to be closed on the date of opening of the bids as specified, the bids will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue.

No:- PHE/Bud/ 7985-8020  
Dated:- 10.03.2021

Sd/-  
(Er. Najeeb A Trambooo)  
Executive Engineer,  
PHE Division Budgam.

DIPK-15038/20



## KPC Organises Workshop On Newspaper, TV Reporting

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Kashmir Press Club on Monday organised a day long workshop on newspaper and television reporting in which over 70 working and aspiring journalists participated.

Senior journalist and BBC Urdu correspondent Riyaz Masroor shared his experience with the participants on "Newspaper Reporting & Scripting", while also emphasising the importance of editing and the utility of clean and precise news copies.

Masroor also highlighted the need for authenticity and fact checking for being a credible journalist while also highlighting other aspects of newspaper journalism.

Shuja-ul-Haq, KPC President and Associate Editor India Today delivered a talk on "TV Reporting & Mobile Jour-

nalism". He also highlighted the editing tools and the list of hardware needed for becoming a MOJO or mobile journalist in this digital age. Shuja also talked about the TV scripting and also introduced the participants to the TV news format.

The workshop was held in two separate sessions considering the number of participants who wanted to attend.

In his opening remarks while highlighting the need for capacity building and enhancing the skill sets of the young working journalists, KPC General Secretary Ishfaq Tantry noted that the participation of the young journalists and journalism students from three universities of Kashmir was encouraging.

The workshop was coordinated by Auqib Javed and Danish bin Nabi.

# Illegal Constructions Go Unabated In Srinagar

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Agricultural land is under severe threat as the construction of illegal structures is going unabated in various areas especially in Palpora, Noorbagh areas of Srinagar city.

More than 40 illegal structures have shown up in Palpora, Noorbagh areas of the city. These structures include shops, buildings, complexes etc.

The construction of these illegal structures has created a mess in the city and it is the common man who continues

to suffer.

Mohammad Isaac, a resident of Palpora said, "Nobody is taking notice of the illegal activity happening in this part of the city, the agricultural land is under deep threat."

"The side beds of the river have also encroached, every time there is rain, flood threat looms over our heads", added Isaac.

Not only this particular area many other wards in both uptown and downtown have witnessed a surge in these constructions.

There have been enormous complaints from the public in the past regarding the illegal constructions in other parts of the city. Many news stories in the past have also tried to highlight the issue but Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) seems to be in deep slumber.

The citizens of this particular locality have requested the deputy commissioner Srinagar and the newly appointed commissioner to look out on this matter on priority basis and protect the unlawful conversion of agricultural land. (KDC

## Concerns And Strategies For Sewerage Treatment Discussed

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: In order to discuss suggestive measures and steps to be taken to overcome the rising drainage and sewerage problems in Srinagar City, a workshop titled 'Sewerage and Drainage issues of Srinagar' was held in the Auditorium of Institute of Engineers here at Church Lane.

The workshop was organised by the Institution of Engineers (INDIA) J&K Centre in collaboration with Divisional Administration, Kashmir.

Former Advisor to Governor, Khurshid Ahmad Ganai, Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole, Commissioner SMC, Athar Amir Khan, Director Disaster Management, Aamir Ali attended the workshop.

Addressing the workshop, Khurshid Ahmad Ganai who was the Chief Guest on the occasion

said that the issues need to be dealt at house hold level as the population of Srinagar city is increasing at an alarming rate due to which there is a huge increase in the waste production.

He stressed that not only Srinagar city but also other major towns in J&K should be developed on modern lines to ensure effective management of waste products. He underscored the need for giving focused attention towards proper and viable measures for better sewerage and drainage system in Srinagar.

The Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole who also spoke on the occasion, said that various projects have been undertaken by the administration for improving sewerage and drainage system but more needs to be done.

He said we need to prioritise the issues for proper solutions and public/ private partnership

is very much important for better results. He assured the gathering attending the workshop that the suggestions put forth by them would be looked on priority for better drainage and sewerage system in the Srinagar city.

Commissioner SMC, Athar Aamir congratulated the Institute of Engineers for organising such a workshop and said that storm water and wastes are a resource and need to be harvested in a better way by segregating the wastes at home and changing them to manures by various methods.

He stressed on the collective approach of all the departments for the implementation of the projects and assured SMC would be always open for all the recommendations and suggestions to improve sewage and drainage system in the City. He said capacity building and awareness is important in this regard.

## Chinar Day Observed At SKUAST-K

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Urban Forest Division, Srinagar Monday organised a programme to observe Chinar Day at Shuhama Campus of SKUAST where the Chinar saplings were planted within the premises.

Conservator Forests, Circle Srinagar, Zubair Ahmad Shah, DFO, Urban Forestry, Srinagar Division, Syed Abid Nazir, HoD FVSc & AH, Shuhama, SKUAST, Sarfaraz Ahmad, Professor Abdul Hi, HoDs, Professors, Civil Society Member, Nazir be Nazir, Officers of Police Department and Students were present on the occasion.

On the occasion, Conserva-

tor of Forests, Srinagar said that we have assembled to celebrate the Chinar Day and exchange the ideas about this heritage tree. He said that without Chinar the landscape of Kashmir is incomplete.

While divulging into the details, he said that today the department will plant about 2000 Chinar saplings, besides twelve thousand five hundred Chinar saplings shall be planted during the year.

He added that it is our conscious effort to preserve this heritage and shall grow more and more Chinar as it enhances the beauty of our land besides providing gallons oxygen to our atmosphere and helping in the maintenance of the environment.

### OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER BUDGAM KASHMIR

#### NOTICE

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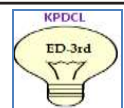
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#### e-TENDER ABBREVIATED NOTICE

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Dt: 13-03-2021

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S.No	Particulars	Estimated Cost (In Lacs)
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The complete tender document is available at website <http://jktenders.gov.in>. Interested bidder/ tenderers may view, download the e-Bid document, seek clarification and submit their e-Bid online up to the date and time mentioned in the table below. Bidding Documents contain Qualifying Criteria for Bidders, Specifications, Bill of Quantities, Terms and Conditions of Contract and other details.

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### Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir Office of the Divisional Forest Officer Langate Forest Division Langate.

#### SHORT TERM NOTICE INVITING TENDERS

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

S. NO	NAME OF WORK	ADV. COST (Rs. in lacs)	CLASS OF CONTRACTOR	Cost of Tender Document. (Rs)	TIME OF COMPLETION
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- 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 Bid Security Declaration in shape of proforma enclosed at Annexure "A".The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of bids.
- As per rule 171 of GFR-2017, Performance Security shall have to be deposited by successful bidder to the order of 3% of the value of contract and if there are compelling circumstances, performance security in excess of three percent may also be demanded.
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- The bidders have to submit their Technical & financial bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No Technical or financial bid will be accepted in physical/hard form.
- Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned above.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copies of all necessary documents i.e Valid Registration Card issued by PWD/CPWD duly renewed for the current financial year 2020-21, PAN, Valid GSTRegistration, Govt. Treasury receipt/Challan(cost of Tender Document) and Bid Security Declaration in shape of proforma enclosed at Annexure "A".
- The successful bidder has to produce Valid Labour Registration Certificate issued by Labour Department after issuance of award of contract.
- The Department will not be responsible for any delay in online submission of the bid due to any reason (technical or otherwise).
- The Department shall not be held responsible for selection criteria/policy matter being adopted by the Directorate of Information regarding publishing the NIT, in any of the newspaper under circulation.
- The tender accepting Authority however reserves the right to reject any or all the tenders without assigning any reason thereof.
- 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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- Sgr-Jammu highway - ( Open )
- Mughal Road - (Closed)
- Srinagar- Leh- (Open)



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## This Day In History

- 1527 - Battle of Khanua: Mughal Emperor Babur defeats Rajput forces led by Rana Sanga consolidating Mughal power
- 1731 - Treaty of Vienna signed by Prince Eugene of Savoy, Count Sinzendorf and Count Gundacker, Thomas Stahremberg and the British envoy to Vienna, Sir Thomas Robinson.
- AssassinationAssassination of King Gustav III
- 1862 - Battle at Pound Gap, Kentucky: Confederates separate battles
- 1865 - Battle of Aversboro North Carolina (1,500 casualties)
- 1867 - First publication of an article by Joseph Lister outlining the discovery of antiseptic surgery, in "The Lancet"
- 1871 - 1st fertilizer law enacted
- rediscovers the bronze age city of Knossos in Crete, home of the legendary Minotaur
- 1917 - Russian Grand Duke Michael, brother of Tsar Nicholas II declines the Russian throne
- 1921 - Britain signs a trade agreement with the USSR and sends a trade mission to Moscow: this goes against the US, who in the same month refused to sign a trade agreement
- 1922 - Egypt achieves independence from Britain, but British troops remain
- 1924 - The free port of Fiume is formally annexed by Mussolini's fascist regime.
- 1926 - Robert Goddard launches 1st liquid fuel rocket, goes 184' (56 meters)
- 1929 - WHP-AM in Harrisburg PA begins radio transmissions
- 1935 - Adolf Hitler orders German rearmament in violation of The Treaty of Versailles
- 1939 - Germany occupies Czechoslovakia
- 1939 - Hungary annexes republic of Karpato-Ukraine
- 1940 - German air raid on British fleet base Scapa Flow
- 1941 - Blizzard hits North Dakota & Minnesota killing 60
- 1945 - Allies secure Iwo Jima
- 1945 - Würzburg, Germany is 90% destroyed, with 5,000 dead, in only 20 minutes by British bombers.
- 1959 - Iraq & USSR sign economic/technical treaty
- 1962 - 1st launching of Titan 2-rocket
- 1962 - US Super-Constellation disappears above Pacific Ocean, kills 167
- 1966 - Gemini 8 launched with Armstrong & Scott, aborted after 6.5 orbits
- 1968 - General Motors produces its 100 millionth automobile, the Oldsmobile Toronado.
- 1969 - Viasa DC-9 crashes at Maracaibo's Grano de Oro airport, killing 155
- 1970 - New English Bible published
- 1971 - Northern Ireland Prime Minister Chichester-Clark meets with British PM Heath to discuss the security situation in Northern Ireland
- 1973 - Shah of Iran and Consortium members agree to nationalize all assets immediately in return for an assured 20-year supply of Iranian oil
- 1973 - OPEC discusses raising prices to offset decline of U.S. dollar value
- 1976 - British Prime Minister Harold Wilson announces his resignation
- 1977 - US president Carter pleads for Palestinian homeland
- 1978 - Amoco Cadiz spills 223,000 tons of crude oil off French coast
- 1978 - Soyuz 26 returns to Earth
- 1978 - US Senate accepts Panama Canal treaty
- 1984 - South Africa & Mozambique sign non attack treaty
- 1985 - Associated Press correspondent Terry Anderson taken hostage in Beirut
- 1988 - US sends 3,000 soldiers to Nicaragua's neighbor Honduras
- 1994 - Moravcik forms Slovakia government
- 1995 - Mississippi House of Representatives formally abolishes slavery & ratifies 13th Amendment.
- 1995 - World best 7th wkt stand 461 by Bhupinder Singh Jr & P Dharmani
- 1998 - Pope John Paul II asks God for forgiveness for the inactivity and silence of some Roman Catholics during the Holocaust.
- 2003 - The largest coordinated worldwide vigil takes place, as part of the global protests against Iraq war.
- 2005 - Israel officially hands over Jericho to Palestinian control.
- 2006 - The United Nations General Assembly votes overwhelmingly to establish the UN Human Rights Council.
- 2012 - Turkish NATO helicopter crashes into a house killing ten people in the outskirts of Kabul, Afghanistan
- 2012 - Indian batsman Sachin Tendulkar becomes first cricketer to score 100 international centuries

*From KO Archives*

## Govt admits fake surrenders

Observer News Service

Jammu The state government on Thursday admitted that 25 of the 45 militants who surrendered in Nagrota last year were "fake" and three persons have been arrested for staging the surrender.

In a written reply to the question of a National Conference MLA, Minister for Home AR Veeri on Saturday said in Assembly that on November nine last year a case of surrender of 45 local militants took place at Nagrota in Jammu district.

Subsequently, it was revealed by verification that of the 45 militants, 25 were not genuine, the minister said.

An FIR has been registered and three persons arrested on charges of staging the surrender.

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### K O V I E W

## Militancy in Srinagar

In September last year, security forces declared Srinagar as one of the areas in the Valley which had zero active militants. Other areas were Tral and Doda, a district in Jammu division. But within six months, Srinagar has again militants. On Saturday, the J&K police released a list of nine “wanted militants”, active in the summer capital.

Similarly, there are reports of new recruits from many areas of South Kashmir including Tral. Last year in June, Tral had been declared free of militancy by the J&K Police with the killing of Mohammad Qasim Shah, a longstanding militant. This had never happened before in three decades of separatist armed campaign in the town. Tral had always been a militant bastion, even in the years from 2010 to 2015 when fewer militants operated in the Valley.

So the development had a far-reaching literal and symbolic significance. It signalled a prospect of the end of militancy in Kashmir. More so, at a time when the armed forces had also killed a majority of militants at Shopian, Pulwama and Kulgam, the places in South Kashmir that have emerged as new militant strongholds in recent years.

But as some resurgence of the militancy in Srinagar has shown, the reality is not as simple. If the past is any guide, the militancy in Kashmir has often risen from the ashes. Last year, senior security officials had written the epitaph of Kashmir's militancy. And also by no less than the J&K police chief Dilbagh Singh who at a press conference had said that the “security forces will ensure return of complete normalcy in Kashmir in next few months”.

Be that as it may, the situation seems to have gone back to square one as far as the militancy. If we go by the estimate of the General Officer Commanding of the Army's 15 Corps, Lt Gen BS Raju, there are 215 active militants in Kashmir, 125 of them local and 90 of them foreign. This has been more or less the annual number of militants over the past four years. And there's little hope there will be marked decline in the near future. The simultaneous recruitment of the local youth in the militant ranks and the infiltration from across the border invariably replenishes the shortfall caused by the killings of the militants. And it will continue to do so unless the dynamic that animates the militancy is addressed. There's now hope that the ceasefire agreement along the LoC and likely resumption of dialogue between India and Pakistan could go some way to reduce the violence in Kashmir. There's a precedent for this when the LoC truce was first signed in 2003 followed by the promising four years of the engagement between the neighbours. Here's hoping for a similar turn of events this time too.

### O T H E R O P I N O N

## A story for Quad

In widening the forum's focus away from military security and towards the provision of public goods in the vast Indo-Pacific littoral, the first summit of the Quadrilateral Dialogue involving India, Australia, Japan and the United States has improved its own long-term political prospects. Since the first steps towards the Quad's construction in 2007, China has sought to define the regional discourse by describing the forum as the “Asian NATO” and the harbinger of a “new Cold War”. The conflation of the Quad with the annual Malabar naval exercises that India conducts with the US and Japan (Australia was invited to join last year) added to the image of the Quad as a military formation and generated much unease across the Indo-Pacific.

The leaders of the four nations, meeting digitally last Friday, were wise to make it clear that the Quad is neither a military alliance nor an anti-China coalition. They also insisted that the Quad is an inclusive forum. The four leaders declared that the Quad is a “flexible group of like-minded partners dedicated to advancing a common vision and to ensuring peace and prosperity”. The challenges posed by the pandemic presented a perfect setting for the Quad nations to demonstrate their commitment to the broader agenda that is in tune with the urgent requirements of the region. The decision to pool their resources — American technology, Japanese finance, Indian production capacity and Australia's logistics capability — and produce a billion doses of COVID-19 vaccine for distribution in the Indo-Pacific helps the four countries develop a new narrative for the Quad. The summit set up a working group on the vaccine partnership that will report on the progress to the four leaders when they meet in-person before the end of the year. So will the two other working groups announced by the summit — one on critical technologies and the other on climate change.

This broad-based practical agenda of the Quad also counters a second Chinese narrative on the forum. When it was not demonising the Quad as “Asian Nato”, the Chinese leadership dismissed it as transient “sea-foam”. The repurposing of the Quad to deal with shared challenges in the Indo-Pacific ensures the forum's political sustainability over the longer term. It has taken quite a while for the Quad to arrive at this balanced framework; but the summit has gotten it just right. As the Quad finds a new credibility, China might be unwise to continue with its dual policy of condemnation and condescension. All four capitals — Delhi, Canberra, Tokyo and Washington — have huge stakes in a productive, peaceful and mutually beneficial relationship with China that has risen to become the world's second largest economic and military power. It is up to Beijing now to rethink its current aggressive policies and seek cooperative relations with its Asian neighbours and the US. But if China continues to pursue hegemony, the Quad is bound to become an inevitable balancing force.

Indian Express

# Muslims in a Whirlpool

Asad Mirza

‘The Muslim community in India needs a proactive response mechanism, instead of a reactive one. It is passing through a phase, which will further witness, it being maligned or targeted again and again

**In face of the unending controversies besieging the community, Indian Muslims should strive to present a united front and face these challenges proactively**

It seems as if the forces inimical to the Indian Muslims have made it a strategy to challenge the community on one issue or the other in a sustained manner. Moreover, these challenges are thrown mostly when the political scenario at the central or state level is hot due to the elections.

Beginning March, the Indian Muslim community was once again besieged or confronted with one contentious issue after the other. Though the issues in question were not an existential one for the community, yet they are raised at a time when the community instead of focussing its energies on more pressing political issue gets embroiled in unnecessary controversies, thus wasting its time and energy on non-issues essentially.

The community was taken aback when news of a closed door meeting or a “Jirga-for stronger India”, held on 3 March at the capital's haunt of intellectuals or powers that were or are governing the nation, broke out in the media.

As soon as the controversy started, the Muslim community and its leaders reacted in their usual fashion, and a storm of allegations and counter-allegations soon broke out on various social media platforms including Facebook and WhatsApp. The reactions also included those of non-resident Muslims, based in other countries, sharing their views and opinion on the issue.

The reaction as always seemed reactive and personality focused. Instead of waiting for or seeking more details of the conference's organisers or those who participated and asking that why it was held behind “closed doors” and why the organisers failed to inform the public at large about the tone and breadth of deliberations, most rose in reaction to the news shared by some news portals and some Urdu news papers.

The news as reported was also half-baked and lacked enough homework done by those who reported it. Instead of trying to unearth the main organisers of the conference, the rationale for holding it and asking the organisers what transpired behind closed doors, and what was the need of holding such an event, they just reported some factual details and a list of participants.

Even these scanty details were enough to start a barrage of pro and anti-organisers' statements and views within the community. The discussion on social media also sprang up new surprises and soon enough on some social media platforms the members of different groups started levelling charges against one another and discussing other irrelevant issues.

The second issue relates to the so-called Muslim reformer and a well-known acolyte of the current dispensation in India. Wasim Rizvi, a Shia Muslim of Lucknow filed a writ petition in the Supreme Court asking it to delete 26 verses of the Holy Quran.

According to news reports, Rizvi in his petition has stated that the Quran, the holy book of Muslims, has “some verses that are used to promote terrorism, violence, jihad”.

In the PIL, Rizvi has claimed that these verses were added to the holy book of Muslims later. “These verses were added to the Quran, by

the first three Caliphs, to aid the expansion of Islam by war”.

Rizvi, who is a former Chairman of the Shia Waqf Board, is not new in courting controversies. Earlier, he had earned the ire of Muslims by declaring the SC verdict in the Babri Masjid demolition case as an historical one. Next he suggested that if a Muslim dies due to coronavirus, he/she should be cremated and not buried.

Later on, Rizvi urged PM Modi to scrap Places of Worship Act alleging it was introduced by Congress to “appease Muslims”. He also said that temples demolished by Mughals should be rebuilt and mosques, which stand there, should be removed. Rizvi named Ram Janmabhoomi in Ayodhya, Krishna Janmabhoomi in Mathura, and Kashi Vishvanath temple



in Varanasi among others as some ancient temples demolished by the Mughal rulers.

He also made some controversial movies. First was on Lord Ram and Ramjanabhoomi temple, second “Srinagar” was allegedly made to describe the plight of Kashmiri Pundits who migrated from J&K and the third one which is in making is on the second wife of the Prophet Mohammed. However, cine goers rejected all these movies and they bombed at the box office.

Sources say Rizvi might have fired the latest salvo to save his skin from a CBI inquiry, which has been ordered against Rizvi over alleged illegal sale-purchase and transfer of Waqf properties while he was chairman of the Uttar Pradesh Shia Waqf Board, based on two FIRs lodged in 2016 and 2017.

However, in Rizvi's case both Shia and Sunni clerics came at one platform very quickly. General secretary of Majlis-e-Ulama-e-Hind Maulana Kalbe Jawad and Imam of Ashbagh Eidgah, Maulana Khalid Rasheed Firangimahali condemned Rizvi for making controversial statements against the Holy Quran. Both Shia and Sunni clerics unanimously demanded that Rizvi be arrested for stoking unwarranted intra-community sentiments between Shia and Sunnis in India. Maulana Jawad also announced his excommunication from Islam.

The Jammu and Kashmir Anjuman-E-Sharie Shian President, Aga Syed Hassan Mosavi Al Safavi in a statement said that random people like Rizvi must be reminded that they are acting at the behest of a nakedly majoritarian regime that has systematically eroded the dignity of Muslims in general and Kashmiris in particular. Maulana urged the Judiciary to book Rizvi under Section 295A of IPC and other relevant provisions for deliberately and maliciously hurting Muslim's feelings by insulting their holy book and beliefs.

However, in this case the reac-

tion of the Muslim intellectuals and community leaders though reactive was not illogical. Further the case brought Shia and Sunni leaders together, condemning Rizvi for his selfish and narrow political gains and his act as an attack on Islam. As Muslims anywhere in the world can't tolerate any false propaganda against their Holy Book The Quran. And why should they?

As has been stressed umpteen times earlier, the Muslim community in India needs a proactive response mechanism, instead of a reactive one. It is passing through a phase, which will further witness, it being maligned or targeted again and again. Until and unless it is able to court to respond proactively and cohesively with support of those media outlets, which are sympathetic

to it both at the central and state level, the community will not get a correct picture or version reported.

For this it needs to interact and cooperate with the independent and sympathetic media systematically, in a sustained manner and in the language, which it understands. For covering national media, it should have a pool of trained spokesmen, who should be proficient in English besides being backed by a well-researched, cohesive and fact checked response, and for the state level media it should engage people proficient in that states' language, so as to attract a larger audience.

Furthermore, it needs to be stressed that to challenge false narratives against the community and to present its correct picture, the Muslim leaders need to evolve a mechanism by which the real leaders and intellectuals of the community should be seen and willing to engage with the media in a coordinated and professional manner. In today's world many battles have been won using social and traditional media, by adopting innovative media strategies and it is high time that Muslim leaders should also adopt those techniques but the more onerous task is to present a united image of the community, first. Further the clerics should also strive to end inner feuds and fights within the community and instil a sense of unity amongst its followers.

*Views expressed in the article are the author's own and do not necessarily represent the editorial stance of Kashmir Observer*

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## Spike and School

The emergence of new variants of coronavirus and the spike in cases in several states of India has posed a new challenge for the reopening of schools and other educational institutions. One question which is lingering on everyone's mind is that should schools be reopened. There are compelling reasons to argue that physical classroom learning should be resumed. The closure of schools for more than a year now has meant that many students had to give up on their education. While schools and colleges conducted online classes but online learning could not be accessed by all. Online learning is a mirage for millions of children in a country like India, how can those children who barely afford to purchase books and stationary attend online classes. This

digital divide has caused frustration among students who had to miss out on a year of learning for no fault of their own. There have been several cases of student suicides as well. The exclusion that online learning creates underscores the need to resume physical classes. But despite the dire need to reopen schools and colleges, it is prudent not to rush into reopening schools and colleges. The pandemic is far from over yet and taking such a hasty step could only prolong it and make reopening more difficult. The development of vaccines has been a beacon of hope but it is important to remember that vaccines do not signify the end of the pandemic, people who are vaccinated can still be infected with the virus, so it's too soon to let down our guards and throw caution to the wind. Since we are in it for

a long time the government should ensure that online education is accessible to all, for that it should increase its funding for education, the government should provide laptops and internet facilities to students so that they can attend online classes. Most schools in our country do not have the infrastructure to practice social distancing and follow all guidelines and any laxity in implementing the SOP's can lead to a surge of cases and could prove disastrous, therefore reopening educational institutes is not an option. There have been concerns that long hours of sitting in front of the screen cause headaches, sore eyes, and blurred vision, these issues should be urgently addressed. The government should come out with new guidelines regarding E-learning, there should be limited screen expo-

sure and adequate breaks in between classes to ensure student's well-being. Many studies have revealed that there is an uptick in mental health issues among students during the pandemic period, the school and educational institutes should make sure they provide counseling sessions to students via chat and phone calls. The government should collaborate with the schools and educational institutes and make online learning more inclusive and student-friendly. Online learning cannot compensate for classroom learning and a complete shift to E-learning will hamper a Childs holistic development but prevailing circumstances demand that schools should remain closed for a little longer.

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# Kasheer Through My Eyes

Mrinal Pathak

The scenic view of mighty Jhelum from the hotel room forces you to introspect. The uneasy silence makes you stand between peace and conflict

For someone like me who always had a dream to visit the 'paradise on earth'-Kashmir, coming face to face with the restrained might that the mystic valley possesses was an event of some magnitude.

For me, Kashmir has always been a closed book that has infinite enchanting chapters, yet to be explored. The desire to visit Kashmir led to an incredible adventure. The dream finally came true in the year 2012. People say that only dead can go to heaven and I do not know if heavens or hells exist, but if they do, then I got to travel to heaven, and that too being alive.

My journey began at the Kurukshetra Junction station. I was accompanied by my family; still, I had a good book packed to keep me company. I was an optimistic traveller but it was a mistake to forget that I was in India, riding in an Indian Railways train and that too with my family. The continuous chit chat between my family members was constantly getting on my nerves.

The first day of the trip was spent in the hustle and bustle of Jammu city and then began an unforgettable journey to Kashmir. While crossing the iconic Jawahar Tunnel, it appeared as if my soul was driving into heaven from earth. A soothing blow of wind greeted us and we felt the warmth of Kashmiriyat at the very first instance. The other side of Pir panjal range is a different world in itself.

After entering Srinagar, the cold, turquoise waters of Jhelum greeted my eyes. The site was refreshing enough to rejuvenate any dead soul numbed by monotony. The highlight of the journey came when I was standing at the very centre of the Lal Chowk, the place that has a symbolic significance in the history of Kashmir. Lal Chowk has witnessed many chapters of history unfolding in front of it. The bazaar was lit up with the lights of night. The scenic view of mighty Jhelum from the hotel room forces you to introspect. The uneasy silence makes you stand between peace and conflict.

Kashmir- Whenever this word falls on my ears, an ear to ear grin spreads across my face and I get lost in my reveries. I have a bucket full of alluring memories with this place. 'Beauty lies in the eyes of beholder' is a very stereotypical statement but when you feel the gushes of Lidder river's brimming waters, the very stereotypical statement becomes a fact. Talking of Gulmarg, the serenity of its flushing meadows and the sublime sunshine on its snow-clad peaks is a 'deadly combination for nature lovers.

The place has a totally different aura altogether. My journey from a busy city of Srinagar to the land of mesmerizing valley Pahalgam was awe-striking. Kashmir's every place never ceases to astonish you. From the train journey I shared with my family to taking a gondola ride, it was a treat to our eyes. The saffron fields of Kashmir whisper in your ears, "The solace lies within." The apple orchards tell you that sweetness can be tasted even in the times of sorrow, the crackling sounds of Kashmiri walnuts and almonds echo in the valley, the cherries are as red as valley's moon, which is fully drenched in blood.

It has been eight years since I had been there,



but today also it is still unblemished in my mind. Time has taken a full swing, now; I am covering Kashmir as a journalist, the place I once admired only for its natural beauty. Now, in this pandemic, as a journalist, I am trying to understand Kashmir through a different lens. Now after so many years, I have got a chance to explore the diversity of Kashmir. Only time will tell if I will be successful in understanding the tender hearts of valley or not, but one thing is for sure: Kashmir

and its people will never fail to spellbind me with endless beauty of their Kashmiriyat.

Well, I can write pages and pages applauding about The 'Paradise on Earth', yet this is what the place is known by and it's different colors justify it. I will end it here; Kashmir has sheltered its culture and natural beauty.

The author is a Journalist

## Are We Doing Vacations Wrong?

BANI AMOR

If you are one of the more than 1.4 billion international leisure travelers who left your home for someone else's in 2018, then chances are you're familiar with the quote "Travel is fatal to prejudice, bigotry, and narrow-mindedness, and many of our people need it sorely on these accounts." First written in 1869 by Mark Twain in The Innocents Abroad, or The New Pilgrims' Progress, this quote is so hyped you can find it copied and pasted into Instagram captions, travel blogs, and memes, on posters, mugs, and luggage tags. It continues: "Broad, wholesome, charitable views of men and things cannot be acquired by vegetating in one little corner of the earth all one's lifetime."

The flawed core in this thinking, that those who have the privilege and access to travel are more enlightened than those who haven't—especially considering the world's most well-traveled people brought smallpox and small-mindedness everywhere they went—can be found in Twain's usage of "our people." We can assume he wasn't accounting for the vast majority of this world's people of color who cannot travel for leisure but are rather unwilling hosts to foreign occupations or peoples being displaced by extractivism and war. We know for sure he wasn't referring to the Indigenous people of Turtle Island, whom he disparages as fit subjects for extermination in The Noble Red Man, his 1870 takedown of author James Fenimore Cooper's romanticism. And he wasn't referring to the stolen Africans and their descendants who were forced into chattel slavery and who were "vegetating" in their respective little corners of the Earth before those innocents ventured abroad and stepped foot on their lands.

So, what is the truth about travel? Are we doing our vacations wrong?

The truth is that tourism, like any other capitalistic project, is about consumption for profit. But "place" isn't an endlessly renewable commodity—it is someone's home, and the communities who call it so rarely factor in fairly to our conceptions of travel as an en-



lightening project.

Not-so-innocent abroad

The impression that travel is an inherently enlightening experience that can lead to a greater good is evident in tourism where travelers participate in volunteer work—"voluntourism," eco-travel, sustainable/ethical travel, and spiritual tourist cultures. The market for traveling supposedly to help disenfranchised communities in the Global South is booming, with little regulation for what constitutes "help" or who actually benefits from it.

While it's possible that effective work is being done in these spaces, most initiatives are grounded in ideas of the White savior industrial complex, the concept that Black, Indigenous, and other people of color need to be saved by White folks who know better. In this way, even goodwill manifestations of tourism are still

The chasm of inequality between visitor and visited makes a truly fair exchange between them difficult to measure and nearly impossible to attain. No one-size-fits-all exchange—service rendered, money paid—can balance this power dynamic

mired in layers of harm.

Think globally, travel locally

"Once you commit yourself to a place, you begin to share responsibility for what happens there." —Scott Russell Sanders, essay "Local Matters"

It's easy to look to marginalized people for the answers to problems they didn't create. It's harder to look within and to question our own behaviors that enable that marginalization. As a traveler myself and in studying and writing about decolonizing travel culture, I've come to understand that the impulse to travel stems from an entitlement that is inextricable from colonialism.

Wanderlust is often a condition of lacking roots. White supremacy has created a crisis of identity for settlers who have little connection to the lands they are on or the communities they are a part of. And for this reason, they are

always trying to escape, move on to the next place, consume, and repeat.

I get what Mark Twain was saying—I do, and to an extent, I agree. Settler colonialism and capitalism tell us to fear our neighbor, to chase excess by laboring in individualism. And when that gets too stressful, to escape "to Timbuktu" (as if it's not an actual place in Mali). But taking colonial mindsets on the road is what has led to the majority of human suffering on the planet, from slavery to genocide and domination. If modern-day travel culture isn't based on the goal of working against these ills, then it is only furthering that agenda. And that is the truth about travel.

So to decolonize travel as we move about the world, we need to dismantle White supremacy at home.

In Belonging, cultural critic bell hooks connects this lack of a relationship with home and race: "Again and again as I travel around I am stunned by how many citizens in our nation feel lost, feel bereft of a sense of direction, feel as though they cannot see where our journeys lead, that they cannot know where they are going." What she calls "a wilderness of spirit" can be linked to much of the White supremacist terrorism that only seems to be on the rise. "Many folks feel no sense of place."

Perhaps we need to think about home and belonging more intentionally and invest in our local communities to recognize our important roles in them—before we plan our next big vacation. Escape is easy. Long-term commitment takes care and work. Many of the people shouldering that responsibility are the ones who can't escape, and they deserve a break, too.

With a combination of staying put, learning our histories, and getting to know our neighbors, we can become better global neighbors—and then better global guests.

Decolonization is both the journey and the destination. And to Mark Twain: All of our people need it sorely on these accounts

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## J&K bags 7 Medals In 19th Junior National Wushu Championship

### Sadia Tariq Bags Gold Medal

**SRINAGAR:** Jammu and Kashmir has bagged seven medals in the 19th Junior National Wushu National Championship concluded on Monday.

The event witnessed the participation of around 1400 athletes from 32 states and Union Territories. Sadia Tariq from J&K won the gold medal. Saleem Kumar and Abid Hameed won a silver each, while Sana Basharat Ajmal Yousuf, Bishal Chib and Muhammad Shoaib won the bronze.

Wushu coach of India Kuldeep Handoo congratulated both the winning players and Wushu Association of Kashmir for their outstanding performance.

"It is a proud moment for us," he said.

The event was held with the support of Jammu and Kashmir Sports Council and Wushu Association of India in collaboration with Wushu Association of Haryana.

Sadia said that it was her coaches and trainers who encouraged her to continue the practice.

"We rejoined the practice after the Sports Ministry announced the Covid-19 SoPs and guidelines," she said.

"There is a lot of talent among girls. Many girls want to pursue their career in martial arts. However, they need parental support," she said—(KNO)

# Onus On Pakistan To Create Conducive Atmosphere For Meaningful Dialogue: FS Shringla

**PRESS TRUST OF INDIA**

**NEW DELHI:** India desires good neighbourly ties with Pakistan and is committed to addressing issues, if any, bilaterally, but any meaningful dialogue can only be held in a conducive atmosphere and the onus is on Islamabad to create it, Foreign Secretary Harsh Vardhan Shringla said on Monday.

In an address at a think-tank, he said recent developments in Myanmar are a matter of "deep concern" and noted that India is working in the UN Security Council in a constructive manner to facilitate "balanced outcomes" that could assist in resolving the situation.

Shringla referred to the gains made by Myanmar over the last decades on the path towards democracy and said India has always been steadfast in its support to the process of democratic transition in the

country for it to emerge as a stable democratic federal union.

Majorly focusing on India's priorities for the neighbourhood, Shringla underlined the need for improving regional connectivity to further higher economic growth and even spoke about the possibility of railway link from India to Myanmar and further to Thailand, Laos, Singapore, Cambodia, Vietnam and Bangladesh.

"The stability, growth and prosperity of those nearest to us will help India and is in India's interest. The neighbourhood has therefore received the greatest attention and emphasis in our diplomatic efforts and will continue to do so," he said at the online discussion at Ananta Aspen Centre.

Talking about India's development assistance to the neighbouring countries, Shringla said its lines of credit to the neighbours have jumped from USD 3.27 billion in

2014 to USD 14.7 billion in 2020.

"The question of whether economics drives politics - or the converse - is frequently discussed. The Neighbourhood First policy emphasises both," he said.

The foreign secretary also said the volume of total trade with Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, the Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal and Sri Lanka has increased from USD 19.44 billion to USD 26.455 billion in the last six years.

"Greater economic integration within regions has been known to produce a whole that is larger than the sum of parts. Our policies in the region therefore lay the greatest emphasis on augmenting connectivity -- physical, economic, energy, digital or even cultural," he said.

"We believe that this will amongst other things induce a virtuous cycle in which connectivity and growth feed each other," he added.

important and major bridges and minor bridges, besides construction of 35 tunnels, totalling a length of 103 km and bringing the percentage of the total length of the alignment of tunnels to approximately 80 per cent.

The Udhampur-Srinagar-Baramulla rail project is highly essential to provide an alternative and reliable transportation system to Jammu and Kashmir to join Kashmir Valley to the Indian Railways network, the officials said.

They said that in view of the importance of this project in providing seamless and hassle-free connectivity in Jammu and Kashmir, the project was declared as a national project in 2002.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi had in November last year took stock of the progress of the ambitious Udhampur-Baramulla rail link project and gave explicit instructions to expedite the work and complete it by 2020.

## Anger Grows

his blasphemous Act.

"Seeking interpretation from the Court of law of 26 Verses of the Holy Quran is outside the purview of judicial review," the statement said.

According to the handout, the Bar members on Monday held a protest demonstration inside the court premises, against the blasphemous move of so called Rizvi and have urged the authorities to take action against him in terms of the law

Meanwhile, Anjuman Jamiat-ul-Ulama Isna Asharia Kargil has called for a peaceful protest on Friday against Rizvi's unacceptable move.

While addressing a press conference in Kargil, President Anjuman Jamiat-ul-Ulama Isna Asharia Kargil-Ladakh, Sheikh Nazir Mehdi said that the former chairman of UP Shia Waqf Board, Waseem Rizvi was not a community member but simply an opportunist, a "lunatic" against whom multiple criminal and cheating cases stand registered.

Mehdi threw light on the beauty and uniqueness of holy Quran quoting a verse from Surat Al-Hijr saying: "Indeed, it is We who sent down the Quran and indeed, We will be its guardian."

He said there is no doubt in this Holy Book and Allah has taken the responsibility to guard it.

Mehdi said the former Shia Waqf Board chairman was facing CBI probe over his hand in illegal sale, purchase and transfer of Waqf properties in Prayagraj and Kanpur districts.

He said that all the Shias have firm belief that the Quran, which was revealed to Prophet Mohammed (PBUH), was authentic till today and would remain so till the Day of Judgment. (With agency inputs)

## J&K Reports

the Jammu division, officials said Monday. Also, they said that no death was caused by the virus in the Union Territory during the last 24 hours.

Giving district-wise details, the officials said Srinagar reported 49, Baramulla 6, Budgam 7, Pulwama 6, Kupwara 13, Anantnag 2, Ganderbal and Kulgam 1 each and Jammu 9 new cases of Covid-19.

Moreover, they said, 77 more patients have recovered and were discharged from various hospitals—12 from Jammu Division and 65 from Kashmir Valley.

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## Encounter In

people to boycott Panchayat polls and setting ablaze a Panchayat Ghar at Kanji-ullar.

Besides it, the police spokesperson said that the killed Jaish commander was also involved in barging into the houses of police personnel, abducting and killing of police personnel Nisar Ahmad, Firdous Ahmad and SPO Kulwant Singh.

He was also involved in the attack on army's 34 RR camp in Matribugh and the abduction and killing of civilian Suhail Ahmad Gana, the police spokesperson said, adding that he also had a hand in the killing of SPO Khusboo Jan and abduction and killing of civilian Tanveer Ahmad Dar.

The police spokesperson said that incriminating materials including arms & ammunition were recovered from the site of encounter and the same has been taken into case records for further investigation and to probe his complicity in other crimes.

"The last rites of the killed militants shall be performed after conducting their medico-legal formalities and their nearest family members shall be allowed to participate in their last rites," he said.

"In this connection a case under relevant sections of law has been registered and investigation has been initiated. People are requested to cooperate with police till the area is completely sanitized and cleared of all the explosive materials, if any," he added.

## More Rainfall

night. The minimum temperature was 2.6 degree Celsius above normal for this time of the year in this summer capital, the official said.

Qazigund recorded a low of 6.0 degree Celsius against 5.5 degree Celsius on the previous night while mercury settled at minus 1.3 degree Celsius against 0.6 degree Celsius on the earlier night at Pahalgam, the famous resort in south Kashmir.

Kokernag, also in south Kashmir, recorded a low of 4.1 degree Celsius same as recorded on the previous night, the official said.

The minimum temperature settled at 1.7 degree Celsius in Kupwara against 2.4 degree Celsius on the previous night, the official said.

Gulmarg recorded minimum temperature of minus 2.6 degree Celsius against minus 2.2 degree Celsius on the previous night, the official said. The world famous skiing resort also received 3cm of fresh snowfall in last 24 hours, the official added. (GNS)

## Kids Go To

alternate days while they have to attend the online classes on the remaining three days of the week.

However, those students who do not wish to attend the school have the option of attending online classes for the entire period.

Only those students were allowed to attend schools who had been granted permission in writing by their parents.

Most private schools had sought no-objection certificates from the parents, absolving the school management of any blame in case of any health issues arising due to the conduct of physical classes.

Several schools have asked the students to bring along medical fitness certificates from doctors on the first day of school.

## DGP Compliments

in the Valley. Chairing a security meeting with senior army, police and CRPF officers in Anantnag district on Monday, the DGP complimented the state forces for their "untiring efforts" while eliminating the top militant commanders in the recent times thus providing huge respite to the common people, a police spokesperson said.

He said that Singh, who was accompanied by IGP Kashmir Zone Vijay Kumar, said that the killing of Al Badr, LeT and JeM commanders will definitely help in saving the lives of commoners as also the lives and careers of number of our innocent youth who fall prey to their "malicious designs".

"He praised the police and security forces for successful anti-militancy operations in their respective areas. He lauded the role of J&K Police and other security forces for recovering and capturing huge numbers of weaponry during the last year. He said that capturing weapons means nipping the evil in the bud and saving a number of youth who would have been misguided to pick up those weapons by choosing a path of violence," the police spokesperson said.

The DGP, as per the police spokesperson said that public in general and parents of vulnerable youth have reposed trust in forces and impressed upon the officers to work with full professionalism and with more dedication for bringing lasting peace in the area and welfare of the people.

"The DGP impressed upon the officers, to workout strategies to strive harder to maintain peace and order in Jammu Kashmir. He said that inimical to peace here and militant sponsors across the border are unhappy with the peace prevailing in J&K and are hell bent to disturb law & order by one way or other," he said.

"He said that J&K Police along with other security forces has got successes across Jammu and Kashmir against the militants and our well coordinated actions would continue to ensure long-lasting peace in Jammu and Kashmir," he added.

According to the police spokesperson, the DGP emphasized that the police personnel must deal strictly with elements involved in the radicalization of youth and pushing

them towards militancy.

"He directed the police officers to identify and book the persons involved in these activities. He directed that forces should remain more vigilant against the activities of OGW network who are helping militants to carry out their nefarious designs," he said.

He further said that the DGP stressed upon the officers to strengthen the highway security grid while saying that the anti-national elements are always looking for the loopholes and their motive was to disturb the peace.

Commander Sector-1 Brig. Vijay Mahadevan, DIG CRPF South Kashmir Shri D.P. Upadhyay, SP Anantnag Sandeep Choudhary, SP Kulgam Gurinder Pal Singh, SP Awantipora Tahir Saleem, ASP Anantnag, ASP Kulgam and other gazetted officers of Anantnag district attended the meeting.

## Mehbooba Revamps

Surinder Choudhary, Amreek Singh Reen and Arshid Malik have been nominated as the party general secretaries, a PDP spokesman said.

"PDP president Mehbooba Mufti revamped the organisational structure of the party after being unanimously re-elected as the party chief last month," he said.

Mehbooba also constituted a 14-member political affairs committee (PAC) of the party.

The former Jammu and Kashmir chief minister herself heads the new PAC, which also has Veeri, Hanjura, Muhammad Sarjat Madni, Mehboob Beg, Naem Akhtar, Surinder Choudhary, Yashpal Sharma, Master Tassaduq Hussain, Sofi Abdul Gaffar, Nizam ud Din Bhat, Firdous Ahmad Tak, Muhammad Khurshheed Alam and Advocate Muhammad Yusuf Bhat as members.

She nominated Abdul Hameed Kosheen, Rajinder Manhas and Ashok Jogi as the party state secretaries, the spokesman said.

## Imran Steps

urging Lone to accept it.

"As our Party @JKPC\_ is growing and lots of leaders have started joining this caravan of change I am requesting my party President @sajadlone to accept my resignation from post of General Secretary effective today," he tweeted.

Ansari, who was a minister in the PDP-BJP coalition government, quit the PDP in 2018 and joined the People's Conference. (PTI)

## Div Com Raps

record note of a meeting held on 9th of this month to review COVID-19 mitigation measures in Kashmir Valley.

In the meeting, according to the record note, divisional commissioner Kashmir directed all the chief medical officers (CMOs) to increase the testing of symptomatic patients visiting hospitals.

The divisional commissioner has also directed the authorities to make contact tracing of positive cases more effective.

"In view of the recent rise in number of corona virus cases in some states and spike in positivity rate among travellers, raising apprehensions, it has been directed that district contract tracing teams shall more pro-actively and trace at least 15 contacts for each positive person to make contact tracing more effective besides breaking the chain of infection," the record note further states.

The divisional commissioner also directed the authorities to carry internal audit of COVID-19 related logistics like testing kits, oxygen cylinders, oxygen concentrators etc.

## World's Highest

Srinagar-Baramulla rail link by December 2022 which would connect Kashmir to the rest of India through the railway network, officials said.

The 272 km railway line is being undertaken at an estimated cost of Rs 28,000 crore by the Northern Railway.

The first section connecting Udhampur to Katra and the third section between Banihal and Baramulla have been completed with both sections operational.

The work to complete the most difficult Katra-Banihal section is going as per schedule, they said.

The Udhampur-Katra (25 km) section, Banihal-Qazigund (18 km) section and Qazigund-Baramulla (118 km) section have already been commissioned.

The last remaining section, the 111 km Katra-Banihal section is currently under execution, officials said, adding that 126 km out of 174 km of tunnels on this section has already been completed.

They said the project is, perhaps, the most difficult new railway line project undertaken in the entire Indian subcontinent.

The terrain passes through young Himalayas, which are full of geological surprises and numerous problems. For execution purposes, the project has been divided into three sub-sections, they said.

Katra-Qazigund leg, the most difficult stretch of the project, and its alignment of this stretch which is 129 km long, passes through Patni and Pir Panjal ranges, they said.

This alignment requires construction of 62

# Over 32% Sanctioned Posts In Central Universities Vacant: Govt

**NEW DELHI:** Over 32 per cent sanctioned posts in central universities across the country are lying vacant, Lok Sabha was informed Monday.

The highest percentage of vacancies is in the OBC category, which is over 52 per (3949 out of 7589 posts) in central universities and almost 42 pc (539 out of 1291 posts) in the IITs.

The data was shared by Union Education Minister Ramesh Pokhriyal 'Nishank' in Lok Sabha on Monday in a written reply to a query.

According to the data, of the total 7,409 sanctioned SC posts 2,847 are lying vacant across 42 central universities, three Sanskrit Central Universities, Indira Gandhi National Open University, IITs (Non-faculty), IIMs, IISERs and IISc.

The vacancies in the ST category is even higher (42.9 pc). But the maximum vacancies

are in the OBC category (51.6 per cent) which is 5,142 posts are lying vacant as against a sanctioned strength of 9960, as per the data.

Responding to a separate query on vacancies in teaching positions in the central universities including the three Sanskrit Central Universities, Indira Gandhi National Open University, the minister stated that against a sanctioned strength 19,356, there are 6,319 vacancies.

Vacancies in positions sanctioned for OBCs at various levels are caused by dynamic processes attributed, inter-alia, to retirements, resignations, deaths, deputations, expansion and opening of new institutions.

Occurring of vacancies and filling up is a continuous process. Ministry of education and University Grants Commission (UGC) continuously monitor it with Universities, he said.

## NIA Raids Detenue's

According to the reports, Parray is currently facing detention in connection with the Handwara narco-militancy case.

## Leopard Injures

Meanwhile, Block Medical Officer (BMO), Shugufta Salam said that after initial treatment at SDH, Damhal Hanjipora both the injured were shifted to district hospital Kulgam for specialised treatment—(KNO)

## Woman Ends

However, the doctors there referred her to a Srinagar hospital for advanced treatment.

"However, she died this morning at Srinagar hospital. The reason for the suicide was not immediately known as we are investigating it," an official told KNO.

The official said that the police have registered a case under relevant sections of the law and further investigation has been initiated in this regard.

## 6 Gamblers Held

Rs 6340 and playing cards were seized from the possession of the gamblers, who have been shifted to Police Station.

"Accordingly, a case FIR No. 11/2021 under relevant sections of law has been registered in Police Station Shergarhi and investigation has been initiated," he said.

In a similar raid in central Kashmir's Ganderbal district, two gamblers were arrested, the police spokesperson said. He identified the accused as Ishfaq Ahmad Dar and Ghulam Rasool. Besides playing cards, he said, an amount of Rs 15500 was also recovered from the possession of the accused.

"They have been shifted to Police Station Ganderbal where they remain in custody. Accordingly, a case FIR No. 34/2021 under relevant sections of law has been registered in Police Station Ganderbal and investigation has been initiated," the police spokesperson added.

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از نیات چندوسه نائب تحصیلدار ایکو کیٹو مجسٹریٹ درجہ اول	
عنوان: مضمون: محمد عثمان لدوہما اکرخان ساکت چندوسه برادوٹا جی PSC مرٹیکٹ تحت 279 SRO	
اشجار مربرا ادا کا می بر خاص دوعام	
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محمد عثمان خان	مزدوری 36 سال
غیس بیگم	گھر بیٹاکام 30
بسمہ بانو	زیر تعلیم 15
جبران احمد	زیر تعلیم 13
مہناز احمد	زیر تعلیم 12
عاقبہ احمد	زیر تعلیم 04
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غلام حسین خان	مزدوری 55 سال
اکثر خان	گھر بیٹاکام 50
محمد رسلین	مزدوری 25
شہیر احمد	مزدوری 23
بادون احمد	مزدوری 20
رفاتہ بانو	گھر بیٹاکام 21
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## EJAC Demands Exemplary Punishment For Wasim Rizvi

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Employees Joint Action Committee (EJAC) President Fayaz Ahmad Shabnam Monday strongly condemned the act of former UP Shia Waqf Board Chairman, Wasim Rizvi, filing a PIL in Supreme Court demanding deletion of some 'Aayat' from the Holy Quran.

In a statement Shabnam said this act is condemnable from every angle. "Such persons are the real enemies of peace and are anti-social, as his act is aimed to create a wedge in the social fabric."

The EJAC termed "this act of this idiot as a deliberate attempt to hurt the sentiments of billions of people who have strong faith in the Holy Quran and value it more than their life".

It appealed the employees to control their emotions to defeat the nefarious designs of people like Rizvi.

"Let us have patience and pray to Allah for the annihilation of people like him who are hell bent to harm the sentiments of Muslims

throughout the world," he said.

The EJAC urged the Supreme Court to punish Rizvi in such a way so that others would learn a lesson.

"The Govt should take a tough stand against such miscreants and goons who try to harm the social fabric by their dastardly acts."

The EJAC President said, "Such nonsense and anti-Islamic acts are intolerable and won't be tolerated under any circumstances".

The EJAC demanded that Wasim Rizvi be arrested and booked and given exemplary punishment. "No power in the world can even edit a dot of the Holy Quran and not speak of Ayats. As employees we ask the government to act tough against this criminal minded person who deliberately wants to create disharmony among the masses. If such acts are encouraged by one way or the other or one pretext or the other can prove fatal for the social fabric, so deserve immediate and timely action for curbing their evil designs."

## CUK Holds Workshop On Rajbhasha



Observer News Service

Ganderbal: Rajbhasha Cell of the Central University of Kashmir (CUK) Monday organised a one-day workshop on Rajbhasha at varsity's Green Campus here.

Speaking on the occasion, Registrar, Prof. M Afzal Zargar said that since the establishment of Rajbhasha Cell in the varsity, the administrative staff has evinced keen interest in learning Hindi and majority of them have passed all the three programmes Prabodh, Praveen and Pragma courses with good percentage.

He said that several university functionaries are also using Hindi in their day-to-day official work, adding that more employees have enrolled themselves for learning the language. Prof Zargar said the Rajbhasha cell was conducting frequent workshops and other activities to fully acquaint the staff about the usage of the language. He further said that Hindi has become a language of communication for the people across the country.

Addressing the gathering, Controller of Examinations, Prof. Parveen Pandit, said that language

does not belong to any particular community, sect, religion or region. "Learning different languages can prove highly beneficial for the people as it empowers them on various fronts," she said, adding that every language was important and unique in its own way.

Finance Officer, Prof. Prof. Fayaz A Nikka complimented the Rajbhasha Cell for organising the workshop. He highlighted the importance of learning different languages including Hindi and asked the university officials to learn as many languages as possible.

Director Rajbhasha, Ministry of Education, Suneti Sharma, while addressing the employees asked them to use easy Hindi words during verbal communication and official writing. "The objective while writing and speaking Hindi should be to communicate with others in the easiest possible way," she added. She threw detailed light on different Articles of the constitution signifying the importance of Hindi in official communications. Suneti Sharma further asked the employees to learn new Hindi words every day.

# NIA Arrests Three Men Planning To Meet J&K 'ISIS Operatives'

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The National Investigation Agency (NIA) on Monday arrested three persons as it conducted simultaneous searches at 11 locations in Kerala, Karnataka and Delhi in connection with terror activities of a group propagating the violent ideology of the ISIS, an official said.

An NIA spokesperson said the searches were carried out by the premier anti-terror probe agency with local police units at 11 locations -- eight in Kerala's Kannur, Mallapuram, Kollam and Kasargod districts, two in Bengaluru and one in Delhi.

The case pertains to the terrorist activities of a group led by one Mohammed Ameen of Kerala, the official said. Three people -- Ameen and his associates Mushab Anuvur and Rahees Rashid -- were arrested after preliminary examination, the NIA official said.

The group has been running

various ISIS propaganda channels on different social media platforms such as Telegram, Hoop and Instagram for propagating the violent jihadi ideology of ISIS, and radicalising and recruiting new members to the module, the NIA official said.

The NIA had registered a case against seven known and other unnamed persons under relevant sections of the Indian Penal Code and the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act on March 5, 2021.

The NIA official said the group of radicalised individuals, under the leadership of Ameen and having pledged allegiance to the proscribed terrorist organisation ISIS, had identified certain people in Kerala and Karnataka for targeted killing.

They had also planned to undertake Hijrat (religious migration) to Jammu and Kashmir for engaging in terrorist acts, the official said, adding that Ameen had travelled to Jammu and Kashmir immediately

## LG Directs Officials To Expedite Widening Of Jammu-Akhnoor Road

Observer News Service

**JAMMU:** Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha Monday made a visit to Jammu-Akhnoor road and enquired about the status of the desilting process of Ranbir canal, besides reviewing the status of Jammu-Akhnoor road widening project.

While enquiring about the mechanism laid down for cleaning of the canal, the Lt Governor directed the concerned officers to take all requisite measures for completion of cleaning and desilting work of the Ranbir Canal before Baisakhi. He further directed for immediate desilting of all the distributaries and daily monitoring of the work so that farmers could benefit from the timely availability of water.

Take proactive measures to complete the work; visible results should be seen in a week's time, the Lt Governor instructed the officers.

It was informed that tenders for the desilting work have been allotted and it would be completed well in time. Taking strong note of discharging of Municipal waste into the canal, the Lt Governor emphasized



the need for maintaining synergy among concerned departments and executing agencies for laying down a comprehensive mechanism for the solid waste management and effective implementation of the cleaning work of the canal.

Meanwhile, the Lt Governor also took firsthand appraisal of the progress on Jammu-Akhnoor road widening project, and directed for expediting the work.

He directed the executing agen-

cy to use latest technological interventions in construction works for time-bound completion of the flyover on Jammu-Akhnoor road.

BVR Subrahmanyam, Chief Secretary; Sh. Sanjeev Verma, Divisional Commissioner, Jammu; Sh. M Raju, Commissioner/Secretary to the Government, Jal Shakti Department and Engineers of the concerned departments accompanied the Lt Governor during the visit.

## Bird Flu Scare Grips Kupwara As Crows Found Dead

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Fresh cases of bird flu has sent shock waves across North Kashmir's Kupwara as scores of crows were found dead in Lolab area of the district.

Panic spread among the local residents after dozens of crows and foxes were found dead at Gundmacher area in Lolab early on Monday morning. The locals were puzzled after spotting carcasses of around three foxes at different places in the peripheral area of the village.

Immediately after the incident the locals informed the authorities. "The area has been witnessing a drastic increase in the mortality rate of poultry birds," locals said.

They added that some of the samples taken during the last few days from various areas of North Kashmir were also declared positive, which has turned Northern Districts hotspots of Bird Flu.

Meanwhile District administration Kupwara claimed that the teams have been deputed to the area to take samples of affected birds and animals check the veracity of the rumours in the area. (CNS)

## Dooru-Shahabad Residents Protest Against Erratic Power Supply

Observer News Service

**Anantnag:** The residents of Dooru-Shahabad area in South Kashmir's Anantnag district Monday afternoon staged a protest demonstration against the Power Development Department for erratic power supply.

Shouting anti-PDD slogans, the protesters staged a sit-in on Verinag-Anantnag road for over two hours, thereby disrupting the traffic movement and stranding scores of vehicles.

The protestors said that they have been suffering a lot due to the unscheduled power cuts. "At a time when the power department claims to provide better power supply in winters, the electricity in our areas remains cut off for maximum hours," they said.

They said that the PDD department isn't following its own curtailment schedule. "They snap the power supply whenever they want."

Demonstrators alleged that the power outage and unexpected cuts had left them severely disturbed. The villagers added that the students were suffering a lot as they have been preparing for their board exams these days.

After assurances by the concerned authorities, the protestors dispersed peacefully. (CNS)

## BDC Chairman Imam Sahab Joins PDP

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Chairman Block Development Council Imam Sahab, Shopian AK Pandita along with his associates joined the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) on Monday.

Speaking on the occasion, Pandita said that he was impressed and inspired by the agenda and performance of the party leadership which motivated him to join.

"The sincerity and steadfastness of PDP leadership for the party's pro-people agenda inspired and motivated me to join the movement called PDP," he said. Pandita who contested the state legislative assembly election in 2008 and the Parliament election in 2009 said that as a member of PDP, he would work hard to mitigate the sufferings of the people and play his role to uplift the marginalised.

Senior PDP leader and Ex MLA Wachi, Ajiaz Ahmad Mir and member District Development Council Shopian Muzaffar Ahmad Wagay welcomed Pandita into the Party fold. (Agencies)

## Goyal Hails Completion Of Chenab Rail Bridge Arch

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The world's highest rail bridge over the Chenab river in Jammu and Kashmir is in the last stages of construction. Calling it a "historic moment," Union Railway Minister Piyush Goyal lauded its construction in Jammu & Kashmir's Reasi district. The Ministry of Railways posted a video on its official Twitter handle showing the ongoing work on the 'marvel in making'.

"In a historic moment, the arch bottom of the Chenab bridge Bridge at night has been completed today. Next, the arch upper of the engineering marvel in making will be completed," Goyal wrote on Twitter.

The Chenab Arch Bridge set to be completed in December 2021, will connect Kashmir valley to the rest of the world. Standing at the tallest point for any railway bridge, at 359 m above sea level, it is 35 meters higher than France's Eiffel Tower. The Rs 1,250-crore bridge can withstand wind speeds of 266 kmph and has an estimated design life of 120 years.

## Tara Chand Demands Restoration Of People's Rights

Observer News Service

**JAMMU:** Former Deputy Chief Minister Tarachand on Monday urged PM Narendra Modi to come true on his promise on the restoration of Statehood. He said the feeling of detachment among the people is growing. The government should understand the anger and restore the snatched honour to the people and empower the people of J&K with the restoration of their rights and should hold Assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir.

### Office Of The Assistant Regional Transport Officer Budgam Kashmir NOTICE



Where as a joint application has been recieved from owner.  
Shri : Ashiq Ahmad Lone  
S/o: Abdul Gani Lone  
R/o: Hurroo Budgam as Transferee) & Shri. Javd Ahmad Bhat



S/o Abdul Ahad Bhat R/o Khadernoh Kakapora Pulwama as Transferee) for transfer of Tipper Carriage route permit No.1007/ Gc/ Budgam vehicle No. JK04B 0265.

Now it is therefore notified for general information that objections, if any to the proposed transfer of the said route permit/vehicle shall be filed in writing in the office of the Assistant Regional Transport office ARTO Budgam within a period of 07 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper .  
No. ARTO/ BUDGAM. 2025  
Dated 15/03/2021

Assistant Regional Transport officer  
Budgam Kashmir

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### Office Of The Assistant Regional Transport Officer Budgam Kashmir NOTICE



Where a application for transfer of ownership has been recieved from one.  
Shri : Mohd Ashraf Khanday  
S/o: Mohd Abdullah Khanday  
R/o: Chadoora Budgam (Transferee) of Maruti car.



Vehicle bearing registration number JK04 - 1023. Chasis number 108104 Engin0e no. 64754 Model 1997 in favour of Shri.. Riyaz Ahmad Bhat S/o. Ali Mohd Bhat R/o Noorani Colony Gopalpora Kralpora (Tranferee)  
Now therefore it is notified for the information of the general public that objections if any to the proposed transfer of ownership shall be filed in writing in the office of the Assistant Regional Transport office ARTO Budgam within a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper Kashmir Observer  
No. ARTO/ BUDGAM.1822  
Dated 11/11/2020

Assistant Regional  
Transport officer Budgam  
Kashmir

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### OFFICE OF THE REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER KASHMIR NOTICE



Whereas, a joint application has been received from Mohammad Yaseen S/O Mohammad Maqbool Kumar R.O Ishber Gupt Ganga Srinagar (Transferee) and Shri Hilal Ahmad Sheikh S/o Ghulam Ahmad



Sheikh R/o Geager Zoa Palpora Srinagar (Transferee) for transfer of Maxi Cab carriage route Permit No 2910/mc Covering Vehicle No JK01E- 1929.

Now, therefore, it is notified for general information that objections, if any to the proposed transfer of the said route permit / vehicle shall be filed in writing in the office of the Regional Transport Officer, Kashmir.

Within a period of 7 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily News Paper Kashmir Observer.

Seller and purchaser identified by the authorized representatives of M/S New J&K Road Way Namely Mohd Yaseen  
NO: JK/RTOK / 7793  
Dated: 15/03/2021

Sd/-  
Regional Transport Office,  
Kashmir

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## Sher-e-Kashmir University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Kashmir

Estates Wing, Shalimar Campus – 190 025

Corrigendum to Expression of Interest (EOI)

Name of the project: 1. Completion of Auditorium-cum-Multipurpose Hall on Turnkey basis at Faculty of Agriculture Wadara Sopore, District Baramulla  
2. Completion of Auditorium-cum-Multipurpose Hall on Turnkey basis at FVSc & AH Shuhama Alusteing, District Ganderbal

Reference: No. Au/Estates/NIT/20/2563-70 Dated: - 10.03.2021

Eligibility Criteria vide Annexure-A read with Annexure 1 with regard to Eoi vide above reference is modified to the following effect:

**S.No. 7 shall read as under:**

The intending bidder should have a minimum turnover of Rs. 50 Crore in the preceding five financial years

**Instead of**

The intending bidder should have a minimum average turnover of Rs. 100 Crore in the preceding five financial years

**S.No. 9 shall read as under:**

The intending bidder should have minimum net worth of Rs. 50 Crore

**Instead of**

The intending bidder should have minimum net worth of Rs. 100 Crore

**S. No. 10 shall read as under:**

The intending bidder should be of a sound financial background. Agency to produce solvency certificate from a scheduled commercial bank of not less than Rs. 05 Crore

**Instead of**

The intending bidder should be of a sound financial background. Agency to produce solvency certificate from a scheduled commercial bank of not less than Rs. 30 Crore

Above corrections shall be deemed to exist in the said Eoi abinitio. Other conditions of eligibility criteria shall remain unchanged.

**DIPK-NB-6400/20**  
No. Au/Estates/NIT/20/2598-2605  
Dated: - 13-03.2021

Sd/-  
Executive Engineer

Government of Jammu & Kashmir (U T)

**OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER**

**Mechanical Division Srinagar, Mechanical Engineering Department, Kashmir.**

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### CORRIGENDUM NO. 01 FOR RETENDER

**Name of work: Providing and fitting of Batteries of different capacities for DG sets installed at various Bore Well Schemes under National Mission on saffron (Make: Exide/ Amaron).**

**Reference:** This office eNIT NO: MDS/TS /2020-21/ 229 /e-tendering;  
Dated: 01-03-2021 (**Tender Id: 2021\_PWDJK\_118773\_1**)

Due to no response from bidders, the above referred eNIT issued for the subject work is retendered through this corrigendum and the critical dates are extended as under:

Particulars	New Critical Dates
End date of downloading/ submission of bids online	20 -03-2021 (02.00 PM)
Date of Opening of tenders online	20-03-2021 (04.00 PM))

All other terms, conditions, technical specifications and pre-qualifications of the original NIT shall remain same.

**DIPK-15083/20**

No: MDS/TS/ 9481-85

Sd/-  
(**Er. Rajesh Sharma**)  
Executive Engineer  
Mechanical Division, Srinagar

Date: 13.03.2021



IND VS ENG, 3RD T20I PREVIEW

## India Eye Back-To-Back Wins Against England



Press Trust of India

**AHMEDABAD:** Their confidence soaring high after a resounding series-levelling win, India would look to build on their new approach of batting freely and fearlessly when they take on England in the third Twenty20, in Ahmedabad on Tuesday.

The Men in Blue were off to a horrible start in the T20 series, suffering a demoralising eight-wicket loss in the opening match but turned the tables on England with a seven-wicket win in the second game.

In stark contrast from the first match, Virat Kohli and his men excelled in all departments.

The inclusion of Ishan Kishan, who made a sparkling debut with a 32-ball 56, allowed India to go ahead with their new approach that encourages batsmen to express themselves.

Despite losing KL Rahul in first over with no runs on the board, the 22-year attacked from the word go, smashing Jofra Archer for a boundary in the very first ball he faced.

The hosts will also gain confidence from Kohli unbeaten innings in the previous game as he took the side past the finish line, breaking a sequence of low scores. The skipper did not have the best of times in the preceding Test series and also got out cheaply in the first T20. Both Kohli and Shreyas Iyer will target big scores.

The bowling department, which didn't have runs to defend in the opener, did a fabulous job to restrict England to 164. The biggest positive would be Hardik Pandya bowling four overs which allowed the hosts to go with an extra batsman.

The bowlers will look to replicate their good show from the last match where they found their rhythm.

What India would aspire is a better effort from Rishabh Pant, who has been promoted to number four ahead of Iyer. The big-

hitting wicketkeeper has looked lethal in both outings but failed to capitalise on his starts.

India are unlikely to tinker with the winning combination save the return of star white-ball opener Rohit Sharma who is expected to be back in the side after being rested for a couple of games.

With Kishan faring well, KL Rahul, who looked out of sorts in both the outings, is expected to make way for Rohit.

The primary objective for India remains the same -- to get an idea of the core group of players going into the ICC T20 World Cup in October.

England attack looked less threatening in the absence of Mark Wood, who missed the second T20 due to a bruised heel. However, skipper Eoin Morgan confirmed that the pacer will return in the next game.

Opener Jason Roy has looked in good nick but missed out on half-centuries in both games. He will be eager to go the distance come Tuesday.

With the series locked at 1-1, the third T20 promises to be a cracker of a contest with both teams be vying for the bragging rights at the Narendra Modi stadium.

With the game set to unfold on a surface that red soil beneath, the spinners are expected to test the batsmen.

### Squads:

**India:** Virat Kohli (captain), Rohit Sharma (vc), KL Rahul, Shikhar Dhawan, Shreyas Iyer, Suryakumar Yadav, Rishabh Pant (wk), Hardik Pandya, Yuzvendra Chahal, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Axar Patel, Washington Sundar, Shardul Thakur, Navdeep Saini, Deepak Chahar, Rahul Tewatia, Ishan Kishan.

**England:** Eoin Morgan (captain), Joss Buttler, Jason Roy, Liam Livingstone, Dawid Malan, Ben Stokes, Moeen Ali, Adil Rashid, Reece Tople, Chris Jordan, Mark Wood, Sam Curran, Tom Curran, Sam Billings, Jonny Bairstow, Jofra Archer.

## World-Class Winter Sports Academy In Gulmarg, 100 Sports Centres Across JK Soon: Govt

Press Trust of India

**NEW DELHI:** The government on Monday informed the Rajya Sabha that it would soon set up a world class winter sports academy in Gulmarg and 100 small sports centres under the "Khelo India" mission across Jammu and Kashmir.

Replying to supplementaries during question hour, Minister of State for Youth Affairs and Sports (Independent Charge) Kiren Rijiju said the government will also hold the national camp for winter games in Gulmarg this year and his ministry will fund it.

"The government has decided to institute a world class winter sports academy in Gulmarg and its approval has also been given. By next year, after consultancy, you would soon see a renowned world-class winter sports institute in Gulmarg," he told the house.

The minister also said the government is taking a number of initiatives to promote sports, including football which has an amazing potential in the Union Territory.



He said the government is going to start some more programmes in Kashmir, including in summer and water sports.

Two "Khelo India" centres of excellence would also be set up in Srinagar and Jammu, with differing disciplines. Besides, the government has sanctioned setting up

of 40 small centres under "Khelo India". The minister said 60 more such centres would be opened soon.

"The opening of a total of 100 small "Khelo India" centres in Jammu and Kashmir have been declared. This is a record. We will also establish some more institutes there," he said.

## Real Kashmir Draw 1-1 Against Gokulam Kerala, Slip Out Of I-League Title Race

Press Trust of India

**KOLKATA:** Real Kashmir on Monday fell out of the I-League title race after a 1-1 draw with Gokulam Kerala. Gokulam Kerala FC on the other hand dropped two vital points in their quest for I-League silverware.

Basit Ahmed Bhat's first-half goal was cancelled by Dennis Antwi's 24th-minute penalty kick as both teams shared the points.

With this draw, Gokulam (23 points) find themselves two points adrift of league leaders Churchill Brothers as of now, but could very well find themselves at third if TRAU wins their clash against Punjab FC.

In an end-to-end first half that saw multiple chances for both sides, it was Real Kashmir that attacked first. The urgency to snatch points from Gokulam could be seen in the Snow Leopards' game.

Real Kashmir played a high line and pressed from the front. That strategy reaped rewards in the 13th minute when goalkeeper Ubaid CK took too much time to clear his lines.

Basit applied pressure and pounced on the chance as Ubaid was clearing the ball. The ball ricocheted off the defender's left foot



and went inside the goal to hand the Snow Leopards a 1-0 lead.

In the 24th minute, a late tackle inside the penalty box on Dennis Antwi handed Gokulam Kerala FC a spot-kick.

Antwi confidently took the penalty kick and smashed home to make the scoreline read 1-1. Gokulam, spurred by the equalizer, attacked in hordes but for the majority were thwarted away by the Real Kashmir defence.

After the half-time scoreline read 1-1, Gokulam upped the ante and went for the kill, playing their usual style of posses-

sion-based football, while creating multiple chances.

Although Gokulam dominated possession, clear chances to score goals were rare as the Snow Leopards defended with acumen.

Half chances for both teams in the final few minutes of the second half were wasted and at the end of the game, the scoreline read 1-1.

With this draw, Real Kashmir are mathematically out of the title race while Gokulam will have to hope that their title rivals also drop points in the coming games on Monday.

## India Fined For Slow-Over Rate In Second T20I Against England



Press Trust of India

**AHMEDABAD:** Indian players have been fined 20 per cent of their match fees for maintaining a slow over-rate against England in the second T20 International in Ahmedabad on Sunday.

Javagal Srinath of the ICC Elite Panel of Match Referees imposed the sanction after Virat Kohli's side was ruled to be one over short of the target after time allowances were taken into consideration.

"In accordance with Article 2.22 of the ICC Code of Conduct for Players and Player Support Per-

sonnel, which relates to minimum over-rate offences, players are fined 20 per cent of their match fees for every over their side fails to bowl in the allotted time," said the ICC in a statement on Monday.

"Kohli pleaded guilty to the offence and accepted the proposed sanction, so there was no need for a formal hearing," it added.

On-field umpires Anil Chaudhary and K.N. Ananthapadmanabhan, and third umpire Virender Sharma levelled the charge.

India won the game by seven wickets to level the five-match series.

## Ishan Kishan Thanks IPL After Making Sensational Team India Debut

Press Trust of India

**AHMEDABAD:** Young batsman Ishan Kishan says having faced the best pacers from across the world during the IPL had given him the confidence to play fearlessly against England on his India debut.

Kishan's blistering 56-run knock at the top laid the platform for India's comfortable and successful chase in the second Twenty20 on Sunday night.

The 22-year-old left-hander acknowledged the contribution, the IPL stint has made in his growth as a batsman.

"It obviously helped (to face the likes of Mumbai Indians teammates Trent Boult and Jasprit Bumrah) in the nets. They are very pacy bowlers and to hit shots against them gives confidence," Kishan said at the post-match virtual press conference.

"In IPL you get to face quality bowlers from across the world and you start getting used to these bowlers. And I think that really helped me."

Kishan also said that the team management had backed him to play his natural game without feel-

ing the pressure.

"Before the match I was told to go and open the innings and play freely the way I play in IPL. I was told not to take extra pressure. But it being my first game I was little nervous while going at the ground."

"But when you wear the jersey of your country that pressure simply goes away and you try to give your best."

The debutant was in awe of Virat Kohli during their 94-run stand and hopes to pick the brain of India skipper during the five-match series.

Chase master Kohli (73 not out off 49 balls) took charge after Kishan's dismissal to power India to victory with 13 balls to spare.

"It was proud feeling for me because I had just seen him (Kohli) on TV, his attitude on the ground, but to see it from the other end is totally different. I think it is something which I can change in myself, his energy, his appearance on the ground , there is a lot to learn from him."

"The way he talks in the ground it takes pressure from you. I just want to make sure that I learn a lot from him in this series," Kishan said."

## India Exposed England's Weakness In 2nd T20I, Admits Captain Eoin Morgan

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**AHMEDABAD:** India have exposed England's "weakness" in handling slow conditions but competing here will only prepare them well for the Twenty20 World Cup, feels skipper Eoin Morgan.

India drubbed England by seven wickets in the second T20 to level the five-match series 1-1 on Sunday night.

Morgan admitted they struggled to get used to the slow surface used for the second match.

"I suppose the difference was in the wicket we played and how we adapted. It was different wicket from the one we batted in the first game. The pitch was slow and low and one thing that does is expose our weakness on these surfaces a little bit," said Morgan at the post-match virtual media interaction on Sunday night.

"We don't play a lot on slow, low wickets and the more that we can do that, the better. You only become better in these conditions by playing in them and making mistakes."

The English skipper, however, said playing in such tough conditions ahead of the ICC World T20 later this year in India, will only help them.

"I thought the other night, the pitch really suited us because it had more pace in it - similar to a wicket at home, a Cardiff wicket or somewhere like that, that was a little bit uneven and maybe stood up a little bit."

"But this took us out of our comfort zone and really was a typical Indian wicket that we would play on in an IPL game. Again, your accuracy has to be on," Morgan said.

"You tend to learn quicker if you're winning and confident and everything goes reasonably smoothly - you can integrate the learning quite quickly - but equally, if we have to learn the hard way, we're still going through that process of trying to learn



game-on-game so when it comes to the World Cup in seven months' time, we can be as best prepared."

Morgan said England were below-par in all departments of the game on Sunday, compared to their eight-wicket win in the series opener.

"We did a lot of the structure of our innings really well. I thought we were right in the game, we established partnerships and got to the point where we tried to accelerate but managed to lose wickets at different stages," he said.

"I thought we could have been a bit more accurate in the lines and lengths that we bowled. When we went back to the basics of taking pace off the ball, we didn't do that well enough."

"Your accuracy has to be on as you are bowling to guys on their home patch so the bowlers are up against it. India managed to get away from us quite quickly."

Morgan had words of appreciation for young Ishan Kishan, who scored a 32-ball 56 on his international debut.

Kishan and skipper Virat Kohli shared 94 runs for the second wicket to chase down England's modest 164 for 6 with 13 balls to spare.

"Taking an early wicket was brilliant but India managed to get away from us quite quickly. Ishan Kishan

played pretty well and managed to take the game away from us, and everything that we tried didn't seem to work," Morgan said.

The third match of the series will be played on a red soil pitch and Morgan feels spinners will definitely come into the picture on Tuesday.

"The next game is on the red soil that looks like Ayers Rock so it's probably going to turn," Morgan said.

"These are the challenges that we want to play against. Regardless of how we do in the series we want to learn as much as we can and get that experience under our belt for the World Cup."

"Because we're playing on a different type of soil, on the red soil not the black soil, there's a chance that it might take more spin."

"The two wickets we've played on have not turned. We looked at them and didn't expect them to turn, but potentially, the next game might offer a little bit for the spinners."

Morgan expects Mark Wood to be fit for the next game after he missed the second T20 due to a bruised heel.

"His injury is not a big worry. He felt better again today but not fit enough to play," he said.

"Hopefully he'll be available for the game in two days' time, but if not, the fourth match."

## West Indies Defeat Sri Lanka By 5 wickets, Win ODI Series 3-0



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**ANTIGUA:** Darren Bravo's fourth one-day international century steered the West Indies to a five-wicket win over Sri Lanka and a sweep of the three-match ODI series.

Bravo was out for 102 in the 47th over when the West Indies needed only 26 runs to overhaul Sri Lanka's total of 274-6. He shared an 80-run partnership with captain Kieron Pollard, who finished 53 not out as the home side won with nine balls to spare.

Bravo earlier joined with Shai Hope in a 109-run partnership for the third wicket which put the West Indies on target to victory after the hosts had been 39-2 in the 10th over.

Captain Jason Holder ended the run chase with a six from the third ball of the 49th over as West Indies ended on 276-5. Bravo's century was his first in an ODI since June 2016, when he scored 102 against South Africa at Bridgetown, Barbados.

"I think today was an important day for me," Bravo said.

"Yesterday my sister celebrated her 30th birthday. I wasn't there for her celebration so I knew I had to do something special for her. I just want dedicate this one-day hundred to her."

Bravo had been hinting at the onset of his best form with scores of 58, 19 and

47 in the three-match Twenty20 series, which the West Indies won 2-1. He also scored 37 not out and 10 in the first two matches of the ODI series.

He emulated the performances of Hope, who made 110 to help West Indies win the first match of the series by eight wickets, and Evin Lewis, who scored 103 to help the home team win the second match by five wickets.

Bravo said he took inspiration from the innings by Hope and Lewis which have led a strong West Indies batting performance in the series, saying it gave "us the motivation to go out and do well."

Once again, Sri Lanka lost the toss and was asked to bat first. Danushka Gunathilaka (36) and captain Dimush Karunaratne (31) got the tourists off to a solid start with a 68-run opening stand.

But the middle order couldn't capitalize on the start, and Sri Lanka slipped to 151-6 in the 32 over. Ashen Bandara and Winandu Hasaranga revived the innings with an unbroken 123-run partnership for the seventh wicket.

Bandara finished 55 not out, a watchful innings from 74 balls, while Hasaranga smashed an unbeaten 80 from 60 balls with seven fours and three sixes.

Hasaranga's maiden ODI 50 came from 48 balls and he struck the next 30 runs from only 12 deliveries. The teams meet in a two-match Test series starting at the same venue next weekend.

## 'ISL's Success Should Inspire Other Sports To Start Their Calendar Early,' Says Sourav Ganguly

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**MUMBAI:** BCCI president and ATK Mohun Bagan co-owner Sourav Ganguly said that the uninterrupted conduct of the Indian Super League should inspire other sports to start their calendars.

The ISL-7 concluded in Margao, Goa on Saturday. "The ISL has shown to the world that India can host long format sports events even in the most challenging times. This should inspire many other sports in India now to kick-start their full calendar," said Ganguly.

The former India cricket captain expressed his appreciation on the success of an uninterrupted ISL, terming it "a new benchmark for the Indian sports industry."

"The successful completion of Hero Indian Super League in these challenging times is indeed a new benchmark for the Indian sports industry," said Ganguly.

The ISL organisers, Football Sports Development Limited, had put in place stringent health and safety protocols to conduct the first major live sports event in India amid the coronavirus pandemic.

The season saw FSDL deliver uninterrupted footballing action in Goa by setting up 18 bio-bubbles across 14 hotels, housing 1600 people and conducting close to 70000 RT-PCR tests.

The ISL is estimated to have invested close to Rs 17 crore in maintaining the bio-bubbles.

Commending the organisers, Ganguly said, "It was a mammoth task undertaken by the organisers, considering the uncertainties surrounding initially. Must say, a job well done when you look back at the last 6 months."

While kick-starting ISL on November 20 last year, FSDL chairperson Nita Ambani had said, "It has taken a lot of courage, determination, and planning to bring football back into our lives, in these pandemic times."

The 11-team ISL season 7 recorded 298 goals scored in 115 games (an increase of 20 games from previous season) with Mumbai City FC winning both the League Winners Shield and ISL champions trophy.

FSDL also invested approximately Rs 20 crore on rentals and creating infrastructure at eight training pitches for the clubs and refurbishing the three playing grounds at Fatorda Stadium, GMC Stadium Bambolim and Tilak Maidan in Goa to organise the top football league in India.