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SIKH GIRL RESTORED TO FAMILY, MARRIED TO **MAN FROM COMMUNITY** 

A Sikh woman, who was restored to her family from her alleged kidnapper amid allegations of forced conversion, was Tuesday married off to a man from the Sikh community....



**FORLORN STACK: RTI APPEALS** FROM J&K PILE UP AT CIC

After enactment of J&K Reorganisation Act, 2019 dozens erstwhile state laws of Jammu & Kashmir were repealed and a large number of central laws were also extended to J&K. Under this legislation, almost 160 laws of the



P10 NEWS

**FEMALE HEALTH WORKER COMMITS SUICIDE IN BUDGAM** 

A female health worker allegedly committed suicide by consuming some poisonous substance at her home in Dalipora area of Nagam in Central Kashmir's Budgam district



MALOORA ENCOUNTER ENDS

## **Arrested Militant Among 2 Killed**



**Press Trust Of India** 

**SRINAGAR:** A day after his arrest, Lashkar-e-Taiba (LeT) commander Nadeem Abrar and a Pakistani national were killed by government forces in Maloora area of the city outskirts, police said on Tuesday.

Giving details of the incident, a police spokesman said Abrar

 a top commander of LeT involved in many killings – was arrested during checking of vehicles at Parimpora on Monday and put on sustained interrogation.

The LeT commander disclosed the location where he had kept his AK-47 rifle in Maloora locality, the spokesman said.

#### Security Up Around Vital **Installations: IGP**

Muhammad Raafi

wo days after a vital security installation, Air Force Station Jammu, was targeted and payload was dropped with two drones, the Jammu and Kashmir police chief Vijay Kumar Tuesday said that drones are a new threat and all the security installations and LoC in the Valley • More On P10

**NIA To Probe Drone Attack** In Jammu

he National Investigation Agency (NIA) was on Tuesday given the charge of investigation into 

More On P10

## **LG Directs Officials** To Speed Up Work On **PMDP Projects**



Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: Jammu and Lieutenant Kashmir Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday directed officials to accelerate pace of work on the Prime Minister's Development Package (PMDP) projects and give special attention to strengthening

road connectivity sides adhering to the committed timelines.

Chairing a high-level meeting to review the PMDP projects, the LG pushed for quick resolution of issues, if any, to speed up the progress of mega infrastructure projects in the Union Territory, ● More On P10

**'Govt Ready** 

ammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor For Possible Manoj Sinha Tuesday said Third Wave' that the Union Territory administration is • More On P10

## J&K Sees 308 New Cases, 6 Corona Deaths

**Press Trust Of India** 

**SRINAGAR:** With 308 fresh cases, Jammu and Kashmir's COVID-19 tally climbed to 3,15,298 on Tuesday, while six more fatalities pushed the death toll due to the viral disease to 4,316 in the Union Territory, officials

Of the fresh cases, 99 were from the Jammu division and 209 from the Kashmir division,

they added. The officials A said Srinagar district

recorded the est number of 84 fresh cases, followed by 29 in Baramulla district.

The number of active coronavirus cases has dropped to 4,805 in the Union Territory, while 3,06,177 patients have recovered from the infection so far, they said.

The death toll due to the viral disease has climbed to 4,316 in Jammu and Kashmir with six patients succumbing to it in the last 24 hours.

The officials said there are More On P10



**Zaid Bin Shabir** 

**SRINAGAR:** Senior Peoples Conference (PC) leader Imran Ansari on Tuesday courted controversy after claiming that former Jammu and Kashmir Deputy Chief Minister, Muzaffar Hussain Baig was never part of the party and that what he stated during and after PM Modi's all party meet last week was his (Baig's) personal opinion and not that of the PC.

Imran Ansari, who is PC's General Secretary, said that Baig had never



joined the Peoples Conference and was not even a member of the party, contrary to the PC's tweet • More On P10

**Safina Stares At No-Confidence** Motion

fter distancing itself from Muzaffar Baig, Peoples Conference is likely to withdraw support to his wife Safina Baig, who is chairperson of the district development council, Baramulla. Sources said that PC leadership has begun efforts to oust Safina as chairperson of DDC, Baramulla. "We will hold confabulations with our 

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**J&K DELIMITATION PROCESS** 

## **Panel Meeting Today To Take Call On Consulting Parties**

**Press Trust Of India** 

**NEW DELHI:** The delimitation commission tasked with redrawing parliamentary and assembly constituencies in Jammu and Kashmir is likely to hold an internal meeting on Wednesday to finalise its plans on consultations with political parties soon.

At a meeting with leaders of mainstream political parties from Jammu and Kashmir last week, Prime Minister Narendra Modi had stressed that the delimitation exercise has to happen quickly so that polls can be held in the union territory.

The three-member delimitation commission headed by former Supreme Court judge Ranjana Desai was appointed in February last year. It could not complete its work within the allotted time of one year and has now been given an extension of one year.

A full meeting of the commission including • More On P10



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Now therefore it is notified for the information of the general public that objections if any to the proposed cancellation of hire purchase Agreement shall be filed in writing in the office of the Assistant Regional Transport office ARTO Budgam within a period of 12 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper.

Assistant Regional Transport officer

**Budgam Kashmir** 



#### **GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU AND KASHMIR** OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER IRRIGATION DIVISION OMPORA BUDGAM.

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Government of Jammu & Kashmir(UT)

## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER R&B DIVISION PULWAMA.

E-NIT No:-61/EEP/RNB/of 2021-22/2911-21

Dated: 28/06/2021

For and on behalf of the Lt. Governor, J&K UT term e-tenders (In Single Cover system) are invited on Item Rate Basis from approved and eligible Contractors registered with J&K State Govt. CPWD, Railways and other State/Central Government for the following work:-

S.No	Name of Work			Time of Comple-	Class of	,	Administrative Ac-
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1	Improvement / Upgradation of Town roads at Pulwama along with Town Hall Road connecting Rajpora road including roads at Washbugh, Dangerpora, Chatpora, Dalipora, Prichoo, Gangoo, Malikpora, Sirnoo, Drusoo, Chattripora and Bunoora (link road from Main road to Newly constrjucted COV-ID-Hospital at Prichoo Pulwama by way of GSB/Nallahmuck and WBM G-II (Phase-II).		300/-	5 Working days	CEE&DEE	S/S	

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, bill of quantities (B.O.Q), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from the departmental website www.iktenders.gov.in as per schedule of date given below:

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l	2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	From 28/06/2021 10:00 A.M.				
l	3.	Bid submission Start Date	28/06/2021 from 10.00 AM				
l	4.	Bid Submission End Date	05/07/2020 upto 4.00 P.M				
l	5.	Date & time of opening of Bids (Online)	05/07/2020 at 4:15 P.M in the Office of the Executive Engineer R&B Divi-				
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l	6.	Submission of Performance Security (PS)	Within 3 days of receipt of LOA. (The First lowest bidder has to provide 3% of				
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1. Bids must be accompanied with cost of Tender document in shape of Treasury Challan/Receipt (Debited to M.H.0059 PWD) and Bid securing declaration instead of EMD as per format Appendex-1 below on Letter Head of Contractor/Agency/Firm in favour of Executive Engineer R&B Division Pulwama showing clearly the name of work along with NIT No. & S.No. failing which the tender will be rejected out rightly.

The date and time of opening of Bids shall be notified on Web site www.jktenders .gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The bids of responsive bidders shall be opened online on same Web Site in the office of Executive Engineer R&B Division Pulwama

The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 120 days from the date of opening of bids.

All other terms and conditions shall be available in website www.jktenders.gov.in **Head Draftsman Technical Officer** DIPK-3765/21

Executive Engineer, **R&B Division Pulwama** 

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

**NOTICE** 

Whereas an application has been recieved from one. Shri: Ali Mohammad Bhat S/o: Mohammad Jamal Bhat R/o: Hayat Pora Chadoora Budgam owner of vehicle bearing Registration No: JK04E-6999

for cancellation of hire purchase agreement with M/SMahindra & Mahindra Fin Service B/U Sgr.

Now therefore it is notified for the information of the general public that objections if any to the proposed cancellation of hire purchase Agreement shall be filed in writing in the office of the Assistant Regional Transport office ARTO Budgam within a period of 12 days from the date of publication of this notice in the daily newspaper.

> **Assistant Regional Transport officer Budgam Kashmir**

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Gist of Fresh NIT No. LD-II/ 07 of 2021-22 (e)

For and behalf of the Lt. Governor of the Jammu and Kashmir U/T, e-tenders on item rate basis are invited from registered PWD/CPWD/MES contractors for following work/s as per below mentioned terms and

S.No	Name of work	Est. cost (Rs.)	Class of contract	Cost of T/Doc. (in Rupees)	Time of completion
1.	Construction of 12 (Twelve) No. barricades/ drop gates at different locations around Dal Lake.	27,38,330.00	A&B	2000.00	60 days
2.	Raising of low lying manholes from Nishat to STP Laam along Boulevard road and old Nishat link road Brien Bazar behind Jamia Masjid near the house of Shiekh Imtiyaz Ali.	5,47,913.00	C&D	400.00	45 days
3.	Improvements at Reed belt/ wet land by way of bush cutting, cleaning of cells (Bays) and dressing of sides etc. at Guptganga Ishber.	3,75,305.00	DEE	300.00	30 days
4.	Construction of 4 (Four) No. new gates at Nishat Car parking lot and repair of toilet block inside car parking.	3,50,961.00	DEE	300.00	45 days
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Executive Engineer, Lake Division 2

## Office of the Executive Engineer Jal Shakti Mechnical Irrigation Division Anantnag HQ Awantipora

GIST for E-NIT S. 12 No./MIDA of 2021-22

For & on behalf of the Lieutenant Governor Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir e-tenders in single cover system are invited from reputed and experienced Registered Electrical/Mechanical contractors/ Workshop holders/Firms whose registration are valid in terms of standing rules with sufficient experience and financial resources dealing with below mentioned works and other similar works of the same capacity or higher for the following work: -The NIT consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, bill of quantities (BOQ), terms and conditions of contract can be seen/downloaded from the departmental web site (jktenders.gov.in) as per the dates shown below:-

S. No	Name of work	Estimated Cost	Cost of Tender Documents	Earnest Money	Time for completion	Major Head
1	complete repairs of 5 cusec end suction horizontal pumping unit at Dogripora Draught old	0.301 lacs	50/=	3% of Quoted Rate	07 days	M&R
2	complete Rewinding of 125 Hp 1440 RPM 3 Phase Squarial cage induction motor of unit 1 at LIS Alamguni.	0.697 lacs	50/=	3% of Quoted Rate	07 days	M&R
3	Repairs of 500 mm dia rising main and 500 mm dia reflux valve and allied Mechanical works at LIS Wasoora	0.312 lacs	50/=	3% of Quoted Rate	07 days	M&R
4	Repairs to the 400MM Dia MS rising main/various mechanical works to be carried at LIS Khudpora Stage2nd	0.4135 lacs	50/=	3% of Quoted Rate	07 days	M&R
5	Repairs/Replacements of damages to 350 HP automatic Trans- former Starter unit No 1st at LIS khiram old	0.40 lacs	50/=	3% of Quoted Rate	07 days	M&R
6	Replacement of damaged outdoor type 11KVA HT cable Kit set at LIS khiram old .	0.068 lacs	50/=	3% of Quoted Rate	07 days	M&R
7	Repairs Replacement to the parts of 04 cusec Horizantal pumping unit no 3rd at lift irrigation scheme DURPORA	0.24 lacs	50/=	3% of Quoted Rate	07 days	M&R
		0.473 lacs	50/=	3% of Quoted Rate	07 days	M&R
8	Repairs replacement of parts to 20 cusec VT pumping unit at LIS Dogripora Main	.6775 lacs	100/=	3% of Quoted Rate	07 days	M&R
9		0.34 lacs	50/=	3% of Quoted Rate	07 days	M&R
10	Repairs to 350 KVA capacity voltage stabilizer of unit 1st unit 3 <sup>rd</sup> and /various electrical works at lift irrigation scheme Sirhama	0.12lacs	50/=	3% of Quoted Rate	07 days	M&R

S. No.	Description		Date		Time
		DD	MM	YYYY	
1	Publishing date of NIT	29	06	2021	03:00 PM
2	Download start date	29	06	2021	03:00 PM
3	Bid submission start date	29	06	2021	03:00 PM
4	Bid submission end date	13	07	2021	04:00 PM.
5	Bid opening date	14	07	2021	12:00 AM.

Executive Engineer, Mechanical Irrigation Division Anantnag DIPK-3768/21 HO Awantipora

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# **Sikh Girl Restored To Family, Married To Man From Community**

her alleged kidnapper amid allegations of forced conversion, was Tuesday married off to a man from the Sikh community.

'The girl was married to Sukhbir Singh today. They knew hak Committee. each other and there was no coercion or force used (against the girl), Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) Delhi president Paramjit Singh

told reporters here.

He thanked all the people who made the marriage possible.

Asked if the 18-year-old woman was already married marriage had taken place.

maintain the age-old commu- turned to their families.

"We do not want any (anti-**SRINAGAR:** A Sikh woman, who conversion) law. The majority was restored to her family from community has to take care of the minority community," he added.

Singh said the Sikh community wanted to set up a major hospital in Kashmir on a plot owned by Gurudwara Praband-

"We have around 81 kanals of land (8.125 acres). A part of it is under occupation of the tillers. We want to pay them due compensation and take back the land for establishing a big hospital for people here," he added.

SAD leader Manjinder Singh Sirsa had alleged on Monday to a Muslim man following her that four Sikh women were alleged conversion, he said no forcibly married and converted to Islam in Kashmir recently He appealed to people to and demanded that they be re-

# Sikh Woman Approaches HC For Protection Against Harassment By Family

coercive action by her family and the police, saying she kidnap or harm the couple. changed her religion and married a Muslim man willingly.

Khadeeja after marrying Manzoor Ahmad Bhat on January 20 this year as per Islamic rituals, had approached the High Court in May this year.

**WE HAVE AROUND 81 KANALS OF LAND (8.125 ACRES). A PART OF IT IS UNDER OCCUPATION OF THE** tillers. We want to pay them due compensation and take back the land for establishing a big hospital for people here,"

Sikh women alleged to have 20, Justice Ali Mohammad their marriage before the been converted to Islam by Magrey had directed the police public notary in Budgam disforce had approached the Jam- to ensure the woman's parents mu and Kashmir High Court -- Rattan Singh and Popinder seeking protection from any Kour -- or anyone else at their behest does not harass, attack,

and they shall be allowed to live their married life the Viran Pal Lour, who became way they like and protect their rights in terms of the guarantee as enshrined by the Constitution of India," the order said.

**LAWDA Installs DRDO** 

**Bio-digesters In Telbal** 

SRINAGAR: One of the four 
In an order passed on May husband (31), who declared trict court in February, had told the court that they were living like nomads as her parents had lodged a complaint at Satwari Police Station in Jammu against Manzoor.

The court had directed Satwari SHO not to take any coercive action based on the complaint. It had also asked the Budgam police chief to ensure the implementation of the di-The woman (26) and her rections in letter and spirit.

Sgrr-Jammu highway - (Closed)

**HIGHWAY STATUS** 

1548 - Augsburg Interim issued by Charles V becomes law - orders Lutherans to return to

1559 - King Henry II of France is seriously injured in a jousting match against Gabriel de Montgomery

1598 - King Philip II moves to Escorial palace Philip II

1690-Battle of Beachy Head: French under Tourville beat Dutch/ English fleet

Domstadtl takes place.

Falls on a tightrope

Event of interest Event of Interest

1860- Famous debate on Charles Darwin's theory and dominated by arguments between Thomas Henry Huxley and Bishop Samuel Wilberforce

1893- Excelsior diamond (blue-white 995 carats) discovered

China, asks for Japanese aid

campaigning for Indian rights in South Africa

1930- 1st round-the-world radio broadcast Schenectady NY

Action Comics Series issue #1

1940- German troops begin the invasion of the

1941- Ukrainian Nationalists (OUN) declare

Germany captures Lviv, Ukraine.

1942- US bombs Celebes & Timor

1944- Universal strike against Nazi terror in Copenhagen

1961- NASA Explorer Micrometeoroid research

mission fails to reach Earth orbit 1963-International Labour Organisation

because of its apartneid policies 1964-Centaur 3 launch vehicle fails to make Earth orbit

1971- Crew of Russian space mission Soyuz 11 found

2012- Mohamed Morsi is sworn in as President of Egypt

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This Day in History

Mughal Road - (Open)

· Srinagar-Leh- (Open)

Catholic practices with some concessions

1596 - English and Dutch fleet reach Cadiz

1607 - Annales Ecclesiastici (Scientific History of Catholicism) published

1758- Seven Years' War: The Battle of

1859- Charles Blondin is 1st to cross Niagara

of evolution held at the Oxford University Museum 1876- Serbia declares war on Turkey

1894- Korea declares independence from

1914-Mahatma Gandhi's 1st arrest after

1938- Superman 1st appears in DC Comics'

undefended Channel Islands.

Ukraine independent 1941-World War II: Operation Barbarossa -

1944- French Cotentin Peninsula in allied hands

1944-World War II: The Battle of Cherbourg ends with the fall of the strategically valuable port to American forces.

1948- Last British troops leave Israel 1949- Dutch troops evacuate Jakarta

1950- US Gen MacArthur visits front in South Korea/asks for US troops

excludes South Africa from its two-day meeting

dead upon arrival on earth (only people to die in space)

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**Srinagar Among Two Cities For** 

**UNESCO Creative Cities Network 2021** City Recommended In The Field Of Creative City Of Craft And Folk Art



**Observer News Service** 

SRINAGAR: Indian National Commission for Cooperation with UNESCO (INCCU) has selected J&K's summer capital Srinagar among the two cities from

Network (UCCN) 2021. which functions under the De- & Folk Art along with Gwalior for partment of Secondary and Creative City of Music. Higher Education in the Ministry of Human Resource Develop- UNESCO, the Creative City Net- creativity as a strategic factor for ment with an objective to advise work involves seven creative sustainable urban development.

the Government in matters relating to the UNESCO.

In an endorsement letter, Under Secretary to Government of India, Ministry of Human Resource Development, mentioned that INCUU is pleased to endorse India for UNESCO Creative Cities the applications for UNESCO Creative Cities Network, 2021 from INCCU is a government body Srinagar for Creative City of Craft

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sign, food, literature and music. Last year, UNESCO designated

fields which include handicrafts

and folk art, media art, film, de-

66 new Creative Cities, of which southern Indian city Hyderabad (India) was selected in the field of Gastronomy while as Mumbai, capital city of Maharashtra, was designated in creative field This year, the INCCU has en-

dorsed Srinagar and Gwalior cities for Creative City of Craft & Folk Art and Creative City of Music respectively. The UNESCO website mentions

that the UNESCO Creative Cities bring a tangible contribution to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals through innovative thinking and action. It adds that through their commitment, cities are championing

sustainable development actions

that directly benefit communities at urban level. According to the information available on UNESCO's website, the UCCN was created in 2004 to promote cooperation with and According to the website of among cities that have identified

**SRINAGAR:** J&K LAWDA installs DRDO invariant land based bio-digesters in Telbal area on Tuesday.

**Observer News Service** 

The initiative was kick started by Vice-Chairman LAWDA, Bashir Ahmad Bhat (IRS) and SE LAWDA, Vineet Kumar besides several officers from the engineering wing were present at the occasion.

In various meetings held by the Committee of Experts appointed by the Hon'ble High Court J&K it was decided as aterways Development Auproviding 100 number Bio-Dividual household in Telbal area

## from DRDO were invited to for-

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the existing STPs.

mulate a programme wherein they shall provide design of Bio-Digesters. After proper etendering the work has been allotted to one of the TOTs of All the 100 Bio-digesters

have been delivered by the concerned agency and instal-lation of these Bio-digesters has been started today on 29.06.2021.

The main purpose of these pilot project the J&K Lakes and bio-digesters was to scientifically take care of the sewage thority, Srinagar shall take up generated from the households which otherwise was directly gesters free of cost to the indigoing into one of the main inflow channels of the Dal lake.

## **SMC Mayor's Cavalcade Pelted** With Stones, PSO Injured

**Observer News Service** 

SRINAGAR: The cavalcade of Mayor of Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC), Junaid Matoo was attacked with stones on Tuesday at Choudhary Bagh Nadiyar in Rainawari area in Srinagar.



'miscreants" and his PSO constable Parvaiz Ahmad was hit by a stone and sustained injuries in his left eye.

He was immediately shifted to hospital for treatment and his condition is stable.

They said that Junaid was on a marriage function in the interiors of Dal Police sources said that the cavalcade of Lake and was returning to his residence Mayor was attacked with some stones by when the incident took place. (KDC)

از نیا بت اننت ناگ ایگزیکٹو مجسٹریٹ درجہ اول اننت ناگ مضمون درخواست : محمد اقبال ولد مرحوم محمد شفع شاه ساكنه حضرت بل يايئن اننت ناگ

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## From KO Archives

## Peace Process With India Irreversible: Pak

ISLAMABAD - Emphasising the need for "meaningful and constructive" dialogue to resolve bilateral issues, Pakistan today described the peace process with India as "irreversible" and said "flexibility, courage and open mindedness" were required to settle the Kashmir problem.

Addressing legislators at the 'Azad Kashmir Council in Muzaffarabad. Pakistan Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz, who was on a day's visit to the capital of Muzaffarabad said Islamabad's stand to resolve the Kashmir issue through dialogue with India was widely appreciated all over the world. Any 'solution to the Kashmir issue should satisfy all the three parties India Pakistan and Kashmiris. Aziz said, asserting that "the peace process is irreversible and we will have to show flexibility, courage and open mindedness" to arrive at a solution to the problem.

While firm in our resolve in extending moral and political support to the people of Kashmir for their right to self-determination. Pakistan has always emphasised the necessity of creating a climate for peace and stability and resolution of differences and disputes through meaningful and construct o dialogue." he said. Pakistan, he said, has however "made it clear" that it cannot

agree to any proposal aimed at converting the existing Line of Control (LoC) into permanent border. Aziz also praised President Pervez Musharraf for entering into the peace process with India and for his "untiring efforts" to continue with it. "The positive development which we are witness-

ing today would not have been possible without the courageous. determined and sincere efforts by President Musharraf. "It was due to his initiatives that the Composite Dialogue Process was resumed in January last year and the dialogue process offered a valuable opportunity to all of us. It was his proposal that ensured ceasefire along LoC which still contin-

ues to hold." Aziz said. He also said the recent visit of the leaders of the moderate faction of the Hurriyat Conference to 'Azad' Kashmir and Pakistan was part of Musharraf's "untiring efforts." Aziz said Kashmiris were the main party to the Kashmir issue and they should be its main beneficiaries too.

The visit of the Kashmiri separatist leaders was part of Pakistan's effort to "involve" them in the dialogue process, he said, adding "we assured them Pakistan will continue consultations with the real representatives of Kashmiri people "Aziz's address was attended among others by AK President Gen (Retd) Anwar Khan. AK Prime Minister Sikendar Hayat and several Pakistani ministers, including information minister Sheikh Rashid.

(Kashmir Observer, 30 June, 2005)

## **Current Covid Vaccines May Be Less Effective Against Beta Variant: Study**

effective against the Beta variant first identified in South Africa.

Present on the surface of SARScells, and all current vaccines are directed against them.

The study, published in the journal Science on June 24, used the study confirms that a genetic cryo-electron microscopy (cryo-EM) to compare the spike protein rus bind better to ACE2 receptors, from the original virus found in making it more infectious. China in 2019, with that of the

**BOSTON:** A study of the spike resistant to the current vaccines, protein of SARS-CoV-2, the virus and we think a booster with the which cause COVID-19, suggests new genetic sequence can be that current vaccines may be less beneficial for protecting against this variant," Chen added.

The researchers also found that mutations in the Beta vari-COV-2, spike proteins enable the ant make the spike less effective virus to attach to and enter our in binding to ACE2 -- suggesting that this variant is less transmissible than the Alpha variant.

As for the Alpha variant (B.1.1.7), change in the spike helps the vi-

However, testing indicates that



Beta variant, and the Alpha variant first identified in the UK.

Cryo-Em is an imaging technique used to determine the biomolecular structures at near-

atomic resolution. The findings led by researchers at Boston Children's Hospital in the Beta variant, also known as B.1.351, change the shape of the spike surface at certain locations.

As a result, neutralising antibodies induced by current vaccines are less able to bind to the Beta virus, which may allow it to most problematic combination evade the immune system even when people are vaccinated.

"The mutations make antibodies stimulated by the current vaccine less effective," said Bing Chen, lysing the structures of other from the division of Molecular Medicine at Boston Children's.

"The Beta variant is somewhat identified in India.-PTI

antibodies elicited by existing vaccines can still neutralise this variant, according to the researchers.

They said to be a heightened threat, a SARS-CoV-2 variant would need to do three things: spread more easily, evade the immune system in vaccinated in the US indicate that mutations people or those previously exposed to COVID-19, and cause more severe disease.

However, the researchers said the Alpha and Beta variants do not meet all these criteria.

"Our data suggest that the of such mutations is not yet present in the existing variants examined here," they added.

The research team is now anavariants of concern, including the Delta variant (B.1.617.2), first

## **River Ganges Gives Up Its Coronavirus Dead**

Partly hidden between long reeds of grass, bodies hidden between be retrieved. float silently down the holy Ganges river, a reminder of how In- corpses in the river. dia's ferocious coronavirus wave matoriums.

east gave up the bodies of their loved ones to the river or burtion of the real number and fear

its banks, unable to afford the cost of funeral pyres at the height of the outbreak in April and May. But the start

seasonal monsoon flood-

ing has caused strong currents to by the sight of families burying surge through the 2,500-kilometre (1,550-mile) long waterway, dislodging some of the bodies buried on its banks.

Officials in Allahabad -- one of Hinduism's holiest cities, where millions visit to perform funeral that floated up in the past three it worse," Chandel told AFP. weeks have been cremated.

Funeral pyres line riverside

When AFP visited the surshrouded in saffron cloth rounding areas, there were t silently down the holy Gan- dozens of partially submerged

Officials estimate that up to overwhelmed hospitals and cre- 600 bodies were buried along the Ganges in the city during the

But locals believe that is a fracied them in shallow graves on that more could be dislodged

from the sandy banks by rapid waters in the coming weeks. Sonu Chandel, a boatman who works with a riverside crematorium.

shaken their dead two months ago. He said a sense of uneasiness returned to him as the waters

rose to cover the banks. "It was really sad to see poor people burying their loved ones in an undignified manner, but rites -- say almost 150 bodies the rising water level has made

There is always the fear of (a body) hitting the oar or (my embankments beside piles of boat) running over a dead body wood waiting for new bodies to as the water level goes up."



# **Inaugurating Embassy In UAE, Israel Tells Region:** "We're Here To Stay"

By Lisa Barrington

the United Arab Emirates on and Bahrain normalised relabranch to other former adversar- so-called "Abraham Accords" ies, saying: "We're here to stay."

Yair Lapid's two-day visit is the first to the Gulf state by an Israeli cabinet minister since the countries established ties last year. He was due to sign a bilateral agreement on economic cooperation Dubai on Wednesday.

The trip is also an opportunian improbable cross-partisan inroads despite long-stymied talks with the Palestinians.

neighbours – with all its neighbours. We aren't going anyhome," Lapid said during the UAE, Lior Haiat, spokesman for ribbon-cutting ceremony at the Abu Dhabi high-rise office serving as a temporary embassy.

"We're here to stay. We call on all the countries of the re- Israel has built a pavilion. gion to recognise that and to

**BEIRUT**— The top leaders of Hezbol-

lah and Hamas held talks in Beirut

on Tuesday about last month's 11-

day war with Israel in the Gaza Strip.

Palestinian Hamas, arrived in Lebanon

on Sunday and met several top offi-

cials, including President Michel Aoun

and Parliament Speaker Nabih Berri.

bollah leader Sayyed Hassan Nasral-

lah discussed how they can build on

the experience of the latest round

of fighting in Gaza. The bruising war

had caused widespread destruc-

in much of Israel to a standstill and

During the war, Hamas and Is-

flying as far north as Tel Aviv, the since September.

lamic Jihad fired over 4,000 rockets

into Israel with dozens of projectiles

country's bustling commercial and

ceasefire. Israeli airstrikes and shell-

killed at least 254 people.

On Tuesday, Haniyeh and Hez-

Ismail Haniveh, the leader of the

come to talk to us," he said. **DUBAI:** Israel's new foreign min- worries about Iran and hopes

ister inaugurated its embassy in for commercial boons, the UAE Tuesday and offered an olive tions with Israel last year under crafted by then U.S.-President Donald Trump. Sudan and Morocco have since also moved to establish ties with Israel.

was deplored by the Palestinians, who want their demands and open an Israeli consulate in for statehood free of Israeli occupation addressed first.

President Mahmoud Abbas ty for the two-week-old Israeli dismissed the Abraham Acgovernment of Naftali Ben- cords as "an illusion" and asnett, a nationalist who heads serted that colonial powers had "implant(ed) Israel as a coalition, to make diplomatic foreign body in this region in order to fragment it and keep it weak," according to a report "Israel wants peace with its on Tuesday by the official Palestinian news service WAFA.

Tuesday's agreement will be where. The Middle East is our the 12th between Israel and the Israel's Foreign Ministry, said. Lapid is also set to visit the site of Expo 2020 Dubai, a world fair opening in October where

Hamas Chief Travels To Beirut,

Meets Hassan Nasrallah

tion in the Gaza Strip, brought life cussed ways of leveraging the

cultural capital forcing Israel to seek the two leaders underlined that

through Saudi airspace. Ri-

still has only three diplomats The regional rapprochement and a head of mission, Eitan Na'eh, who has yet to be confirmed as full ambassador. The consulate in Dubai is similarly located in temporary premises.

Lapid was conciliatory toward former Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, whose attempts to organise a trip to the UAE while in office were scotched by COVID-19 restrictions and who has sought to cast his ouster by Bennett as illegitimate.

is his, no less than it is ours."

(Reporting by Ari Rabinovitch Nidal reporting by Mughrabi'Writing

tine's liberation and also under-

scored the Palestinian refugees'

right to return to their homeland.

on the strength of their brotherly

relations, which they said have an

important role in the consistency

of the regional resistance axis"

Hezbollah's Al Manar TV reported.

34-day war in 2006 that ended in

Hezbollah and Israel fought a

"The two sides laid emphasis

#### variant driving Indonesia closer to the edge of a CO-VID-19 catastrophe," Jan Gelfand, head of the IFRC in Indonesia said in a statement.

Brought together by shared yadh, although not having nor-

Thanking Netanyahu as "the architect of the Abraham Accords", Lapid said: "This moment

and Dan Williams; Additional Barrington; Editing by Clarence Fernandez, John Stonestreet, Lapid's plane transited Nick Macfie, William Maclean)

#### malised relations with Israel, last year opened its skies to Israel-UAE flights. The UAE formally opened its embassy in Israel, temporar-

ily located in the Tel Aviv stock exchange, to little fanfare this month. Israel's Abu Dhabi embassy

death toll to more than 57,500.

Indonesia is mostly using the Sinovac vaccine from China to inoculate its population, after taking part in a late-stage trial of the jab.

## Indonesia 'On Edge Of Catastrophe' As Covid **Lockdown Looms**

**AL JAZEERA** 

The Red Cross has warned that Indonesia is "on the edge of L catastrophe", as coronavirus Delta variant surge across the country are pushing the health system towards collapse.

The International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent (IFRC) said on Tuesday that urgent increases are needed in medical care, testing and vaccinations in the Southeast Asian nation as it faces a medical emergency that is already overwhelming hospitals and threatening the supply of medical oxygen in the capital, Jakarta,

"Every day we are seeing this Delta

lightning-fast action globally so that countries like cording to the Detik news website. Indonesia have access to the vac- There have also been appeals to the cines needed to avert tens of thousands of deaths. We must focus on getting vaccinations into the arms of those most at-risk and all adults everywhere to contain this virus."

The latest numbers from the Indonesian COVID task force on Monday showed almost 20,700 new cases in one day, pushing the total since the start of the pandemic to more than 2.1 million. A further 423 people died from the coronavirus taking the

Adding to the dire situation is the country's slow pace of vaccination, with less than 5 percent of its 270 million population fully vaccinated - or about 13.1 million people, according to the health ministry. At least 27.4 million have received the first dose.

The IFRC noted that Indonesia faces global vaccine inequity in acquiring the 360 million doses it needs to vaccinate at least 70 percent of its citizens – the ideal threshold set infections fuelled by the deadlier by the World Health Organization to achieve herd immunity.

With cases surging, the administration of President Joko Widodo is reportedly mulling plans to impose a lockdown, Singapore's Straits Times reported on Tuesday. Widodo is expected to meet health officials later on Tuesday to consider the plan, the paper said.

'Close to collapse'

On Friday, medical officials in the province of West Java, just outside of Jakarta, said bed occupancy rates in hospitals had exceeded 90 percent.

> tals exceeding 100 percent, pushing he health system 'close to collapse". In Jakarta, the surge in cases has forced hospitals to set up emergency tents, ac-

with some hospi-

government to turn the Gelora Bung Karno sports complex in the capital into an emergency hospital, Kompas TV reported on Tuesday.

There have also been reports that nearly 1,000 Indonesian health workers have died from the virus since the pandemic started, with the country's medical association confirming on Friday the 401 deaths among the medical doctors, including 14 who were fully vaccinated.

This month, more than 300 vaccinated doctors and healthcare workers in Central Java were also found to have been infected with COVID-19.

More than 20 percent of CO-VID-19 tests in Indonesia are positive, according to the Johns Hopkins Coronavirus Resource Center, indicating that the number of people who are sick and infected is likely to be even more widespread than the headline figures suggest.

## **Iraqi Fighters Mourn Comrades** Killed In US Air Strikes

**Agencies** 

Thousands of members of Iraq's Hashd al-Shabi paramilitary alliance mourn comrades killed in American air attacks along the Syrian border.

The US raids early on Monday sparked an exchange of fire between as well as fears of a new US-Iran escalation amid faltering efforts to revive Tehran's 2015 nuclear deal with General Qassem Soleimani and Hashd

With chants of

"Death to America" and "Vengeance for the martyrs", massed in Free dom Square near the capital's highsecurity Green Zone – the site of the US embassy.

Security forces were deployed in large numbers, sealing the Green Zone after a string of recent incursions by armed groups backed by Washington's archenemy Tehran.

Ahmad al-Maqsusi – a commander with the Sayid al-Shuhada militia, which has vowed "open war" with US troops – said it was time for the Americans to leave. "Since the parliament passed a resolution the presence of foreign troops in the country is unlawful," said al-Magsusi. "They are here since 2014 and they did nothing to the Iraqis but destruction."

Several high-ranking Hashd commanders took part in the symbolic funeral, including its top comgathered in Baghdad on Tuesday to mander Faleh al-Fayyadh and Hadi al-Ameri, head of one of its main factions, the Badr Organisation. The mourners, accompanied by ve-

hicles full of gunmen, wore black and pro-Iranian militias and the United held up signs reading: "Attacks on the States-led coalition in eastern Syria, Hashd must speed up the withdrawal of American troops from Iraq.' Others carried pictures of Iranian

mand Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis who were killed in a US drone strike near Baghdad airport ast year. "The rifles and

drones of the resistance will move

now. The time has come to avenge the death of our heroes including Qassem Soleimani and Abu Mahdi al-Muhandis," said one fighter Haydar Karrar. The Syrian Observatory for Hu-

man Rights war monitor said seven fighters had been killed and at least six more wounded in the raids on both sides of the Iraqi-Syrian border.

The Hashd, most of whose commanders are backed by Tehran and which has become the main powerbroker in Baghdad, said four of its fighters were killed in the Qaim region near the border.

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## Woman Wilfully Converts To Islam, Faces Threats; **Moves Delhi HC For Protection**

NEW DELHI: A woman has approached the Delhi High Court seeking protection for herself and her family claiming that they are facing life-threats and being witch hunted by the UP police, media and vigilante groups after her wilful conversion from Hinduism to Islam.

The woman, who is working in Delhi and belongs to Shahjahanpur in Uttar Pradesh, sought protection for her and her family as also her right to privacy, saying that because of her conversion she and her family are being targeted and malicious content is being published in media which should be stopped immediately.

"The petitioner (woman) is an adult and she is protected by the Constitution to choose her own faith and she cannot be targeted and harassed for the choice she makes with



regard to the religion she follows," the petition said.

Advocate Kamlesh Kumar Mishra, who represents the woman, said the petition is likely to come up for hearing on Wednesday.

The plea said Renu Gangwar alias Ayesha Alvi converted to Islam on May 27 in Delhi and since June 23, when she was in Shahjahanpur, she started getting calls from media persons requesting for a meeting which she refused.

It said media persons came to her place without her permission and took her photographs and videos and

ing that her conversion news will be published in media and she would be arrested and demanded money.

Thereafter, one of them forcibly took Rs 20,000 while others too tried to extort money from her and her family, the plea alleged, adding that absurd and imaginary details are being reported in media regarding her conversion.

The woman, in her plea, said she gave a complaint to the Delhi Police Commissioner on June 24, seeking immediate intervention for her protection with regard to her conversion to Islam on her own free will and without any threat or coercion from anyone but no action has been taken on her complaint yet.

"There is no other option other than approaching this court for immediate directions to stop the harass-

she started getting calls threaten- ment of the petitioner," said the plea, filed through advocate Kamlesh Kumar Mishra and Nitin Kumar Navak.

Haniyeh and Nasrallah dis-

gains through "utilizing all capa-

bilities in a bid to reach the final

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The plea further sought direction to the media not to publish or broadcast any malicious content regarding her and not to divulge her personal details and also remove the contents already shown.

It sought to direct the UP agencies to not harass the woman or any other person who have not converted in the state of UP and on whom the provisions of the UP Prohibition of Unlawful Religious Conversion Ordinance, 2020 does not apply.PTI

#### South African Govt's Proposal To Let Woman **Have Multiple Husbands Faces Backlash** wives, told the BBC, "This will destroy

By FPJ Web Desk

proposal in South Africa to permit women to have mul-Atiple husbands has led to uproar among the many conservative part of the nation's society. The inexperienced paper containing the proposal has been ready by

the nation's residence division. South Africa already has one of the world's most liberal constitutions, allowing same-sex marriages for all and polygamy for men. Gender rights activists have been petitioning the government to legalise polyandrous unions -- women having more than one husband -- in the interest of equality and choice.

The proposal comes in a green paper from South Africa's Department of Home Affairs and has sparked outrage from conservative voices in the Rain-



bow Nation. Polygamy, the practice of men taking multiple wives, is legal and

part of some indigenous traditions. "South Africa inherited a marriage regime that was based on the Calvinist Christian and Western traditions," the paper notes, adding that the current marriage laws are "not informed by an overarching policy that is based on constitutional values and the understanding of

modern society dynamics." Expressing opposition to polyandry in the strongest terms, TV personality Musa Mseleku, who has four

African culture. What about the children of those people? How will they know their identity? The woman cannot now take the role of the man. It's unheard of. Will the man be expected to take her surname?"

In polyandry, the woman often initiates the relationships, and invites the husbands to join her union. Some pay the bride price, others opt to contribute to her livelihood. She has the power to remove a co-husband if she believes he is destabilising her other relationships.

Reverend Kenneth Meshoe, the leader of the African Christian Democratic Party, said that polygamy is "an accepted practice," but polyandry is not. He said during an interview that a marriage with multiple husbands cannot work because "men are jealous and possessive".

## **Commissioner Secretary Forests Reviews Works Of Sindh Forest Division**

**Observer News Service** 

**GANDERBAL:** Commissioner Secretary, Forests, Sanjeev Verma, Tuesday inspected the Malhar Plant nursery in Sindh Forest Division Ganderbal and took stock of raising of different plant species. He was informed that the nursery has a plant potential of around 4.55 lakh with a variety of species like Deodar, Kail, Fir, Ulmus, cupress, Betula and Maple.

Chief Conservator of Forests, Kashmir, T. Rabi Kumar, Deputy Commissioner, Ganderbal, Krittika Jyotsna, Conservator Srinagar Circle, Zubair Ahmed, DFO Sindh, DD FPF besides other officers and officials accompanied him.

Commissioner Secretary also took detailed assessment of the forestry works being carried out within the district. He appreciated the "one beat guard One village Programme" launched by the department for involving local villages in afforestation programme through use of Seed balls. He was informed that 35 such villages have been identified for the programme in the district.

He asked the DC to work out a module for integration of for- retary planted a Maple sapling in estry works with MGNREGA the premises of the Nursery.

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degraded forest Regarding land in the division and acknowledging the efforts of the department in rehabilitation and reforestation of such areas, he advised for working out a detailed vision plan incorporating provisions for different segments of forests like vegetation, grasslands and scrublands so that rehabilitation programs are planned as per the requirements of each sector.

While reviewing scope of institutional plantations in the district, it was informed that Ganderbal district has planted 43000 saplings under "J&K Green drive" in the year 2020-21 in collaboration with different line departments under the institutional plantation program.

He directed DFO Sind to ensure plantation of different varieties of plants in the DC office complex so that people visiting the complex are able to appreciate the forest bio-diversity of the district.

Meanwhile, Commissioner Sec-

## **Violators Of Covid SOPs In Budgam To Face Punishment Under DDMA Rules**



**Observer News Service** 

**BUDGAM:** In order to check the status of ground adherence of all SOPs and other guidelines guidelines were on spot fined post easing of restrictions, DDC Budgam Shahbaz Ahmed Mirza themselves from violating the Tuesday in this connection had SOPs in future, otherwise face a surprise visit to various mar-strict action under rules.

kets and other spots where assembling of gatherings always took place. During the visit the DDC observed that most of the people are not following the necessary Covid-19 SOPs and other precautions, even not daring to wear masks and maintain social distance.

Taking strong note of the leniency the general public is demonstrating, the DDC categorically reiterated that no one will be allowed to violate the directions issued by Administration. During the inspections, many shopkeepers, drivers, pedestrians and other violators of and also were warned to refrain

## **Gurez Villages Lack Basic Facilities, Residents Aghast**



**Observer News Service** 

**BANDIPORA:** Several villages in Gurez valley of North Kashmir's Bandipora district are without basic facilities like proper road connectivity, electricity, mobile connectivity, and potable water supply, thereby making the villagers suffer.

The locals said that the government has failed to address the problems of common masses in these remote villages including Kashpath, Dangithal, Purana-Tulail, Zadgi, Sheikhpora and other adjoining villages. They said owing to the official apathy many families were forced to shift to other places.

by people here is the lack of development in these villages.

network connectivity. We have taken up the matter many times with the concerned authorities but to no avail," Abdullah, a lo-

cal from Sheikh-Pora. He said due to the bad road conditions, the vehicles suffer extensive damages every year, and particularly the patients are facng a tough time to reach hospital through the dilapidated road.

Shareef Ahmad, another resident, said that at a time when phone connectivity is running all over the country, their villages still lack this facility due to which the people are facing a lot of problems here.

"I have been posted here in Tulail belt for the last five years, "The major problem faced since then there has been no

hicle here on time. If we had to go somewhere, we have to get a private vehicle," a forest official posted in the area, wishing not to be named, said.

Ashiq, another resident, said that although there is a PHC centre in the area, the lack of staff there is what worries them.

"The condition of the road from Dawar to Tulail is dilapidated which is why we complete an hour's journey in one day," he said.

"Also we do not have access to clean water and had to fetch drinking water from the river KishanGanga," Ashiq said.

"We also want our Tulail belt to be a beautiful place for tourists but before that, the government should consider our basic needs, "Nahida, a local student said

"How long will the people here build wooden bridges that collapse after every year," she said.

The locals appealed to the LG administration and Deputy Commissioner Bandipora Owais Ahamd to personally look into the matter and help to resolve their grievances—(Agencies)

## 'SUKOON', A Mental Health **Helpline Initiative Inaugurated**

**Observer News Service** 

**SRINAGAR:** Chief Secretary, Arun Kumar Mehta, Tuesday inaugurated SDRF first Battalion's 24×7 mental health helpline 'SUKOON' at its headquarters.

Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir, P K Pole; Commandant General HG/ CD SDRF, V K Singh; Deputy Commissioner, Srinagar, Aijaz Asad, Commandant SDRF First Battalion Kashmir, Haseeb Ur Rehman besides other dignitaries were present on the occasion.

Pertinently, 'SUKOON' is a mental health helpline initiative (toll free number 1800-1807159) to offer guidance to persons (or their wellwishers) who are experiencing anxiety, depression, stress, panic attack, PTSD, adjustment disorder, suicidal thoughts, substance abuse, mental health emergency and pandemic induced psychological stress.

This initiative, launched by SDRF by the police department is really First Battalion Kashmir in collabo-

ration with Mission Youth J&K and Tourism department, will guide the caller to avail services of clinical psycholgists, therapists, counsellors and psychiatrists and provide round the clock one to one support, free and confidential services to those

experiencing mental health issues.

Chief Secretary, while appreciating the much needed service in present times, said that this initiative would go a long way in supporting vulnerable sections of the society. He urged upon youth to avail helpline Sukoon's assistance without any hesitation and live a stress free, balanced and contended life. He expressed dismay over drug menace which is engulfing the society towards self destruction and said that it should be our prime concern to help such victims get rid of this hazard. "Establishment of such a unique helpline

tion and will immensely help in eradicating this social evil from the society", he maintained.

The Chief Secretary laid stress on sustainability of such initiatives saying that all concerned from SDRF should take up it as a mission so that the helpline becomes a permanent facilitator for the posterity.

The Chief Secretary emphasized the need for collaborative efforts of SDRF, Mission Youth and other departments towards understanding the issues and concerns of youth and resolving them so that they start a better life.

DGP cum Commandant General HG/CD & SDRF explained that his team has launched two significant initiatives to help people in distress during the pandemic. First, 200 SDRF and 40 NDRF personnel were trained for Covid care duties and then deployed at Seven hospitals in I&K while launch of the Sukoon helpline is the second step to supa step forward towards this direc-port persons facing health issues.

## **DDC Shopian Stresses On Optimum Utilisation Of Working Season**

**Observer News Service** 

SHOPIAN: The District Development Commissioner, Shopian, Sachin Kumar Vaishya Tuesday inspected the Shirmal to Mastpora Keller road and other ongoing works under Pradhan Mantri Gram Sadak Yojana (PMGSY).

During the visit, the DC was accompanied by Tehsildar, Shopian, Bilal Ahmed, Engineers from PMGSY and other concerned officers.

While inspecting the progress on Shirmal to Mastpora Keller road, the concerned informed the DC that the sanctioned length of this road is 15 km at sanctioned cost Rs 20 Crore and a total of 40 percent physical work has been completed so far and the progress on the project is also in full swing, he informed.

While highlighting the benefits of better road connectivity for development of rural areas, the DC stressed for redoubling efforts and regular monitoring of such roads so that they could be completed well in time with-

out any hurdles. issues that are hampering the shall work with synergy to comprogress of projects like land compensation, court cases (if any), shifting of utilities, forest will provide all weather connec-



the shortest possible time.

He also directed the officers of PMGSY to expedite the work progress on all ongoing/pending schemes so that they get completed in a time bound manner.

The DC said that it is a lifeline project keeping in view the Covid-19 scenario and it should be taken on priority basis for the safety and security of the patients.

The DC exhorted upon for optimum utilizing the working season and stressed for greater coordination among the line departments for removing all bottlenecks that are hampering the progress of Road projects in the district in larger public interest.

Meanwhile, the DC also visited the other project sites and inspected the work progress of the projects.

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## **DDC Kulgam Stresses For Utilising Work Season Efficiently**

**Observer News Service** 

**KULGAM:** The Deputy Commissioner Kulgam, Dr. Bilal Mohi-Ud-Din Bhat Tuesday directed the Engineers to expedite the pace of work on the projects so the work season will be efficiently utilized for their timely completion.

He chaired a meeting of district officers and Engineers of various executing agencies to take the first-hand appraisal of various developmental projects in the district.

He also sought a detailed account of various developmental works under different sectors estimates within days. from the concerned officers on the implementation of sev- and RDD sectors.

The DDC also reviewed the status of various ongoing projects and works approved in the Back to Village programme. He also stressed for regular

monitoring of works and directed the district heads to meet the targets and set timelines for the completion of vital projects in The DDC also took stock of

the estimation process of new works to be executed under District Capex and directed the concerned to ensure completion and submission of pending

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## **ADDC Kupwara Stresses For Ensuring Completion** Of Sanctioned Bunkers Till July End

**Observer News Service** 

velopment Commissioner (ADDC), Kupwara, Nazir Ahmad Lone Tuesday convened a meeting of concerned officers to review the progress for construction of bunkers in border areas detailed review of the progress made lation of new individual/community of the district.



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#### KO VIEW

## **Drone attacks**

n Sunday, explosives-laden drones were used to attack the Air Force Base in Jammu. Mercifully, the attack didn't cause any big damage or lead to any casualties. The following day the army said it averted a major tragedy when it intercepted two drones flying over the Kaluchak army base. The military said troops spotted the drones separately flying over the base. The first of its kind attacks have created a massive security challenge for the security forces. Just when we thought that the militancy in the former state has been significantly reigned in, these attacks, albeit staying short of inflicting any damage, have broken the calm.

According to J&K police chief Dilbagh Singh, Lashkar-e-Taiba is likely involved in the drone attack on the Air Force Base. The same group, he added, may also be behind the drones spotted near the Kaluchak military facility the following day. According to the DGP, indications of a LeT link have come from the man arrested on Sunday with an explosive device weighing 4 kg. Nadeem Ul Haq, a 22-year-old suspect from Banihal, was arrested hours after the first attack.

This has forced New Delhi to take pre-emptive measures to foil such attacks in the future. India is likely to make a decision soon on the deployment of anti-drone technology at military installations across the country.

But the challenge posed by recent drone attacks has a wider dimension. It underlines a sudden re-emergence of the challenge of militancy, which otherwise has been showing signs of being on the wane over the last year. And just when we were rushing to write the epitaph of militancy, the drone attacks have alarmed the security establishment.

But the attacks shouldn't be such a surprise, after all. Going by the rise and fall of the militancy over the past thirty years, the militancy in J&K has often risen from the ashes.

The number of militants as per the police estimate continues to hover around 200. This has been more or less the annual number of militants over the past five years. And there's little hope there will be a 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 to be hopefully followed by a 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, it was followed by the promising four years of the engagement between the neighbours. The period had witnessed a drastic reduction of violence in Kashmir. Here's hoping for a similar turn of events this time too.

## OTHER OPINON

## Modi's Kashmir moot

EARLY two years after he scrapped the special constitutional status of held Kashmir and effectively locked down the disputed region, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi called a 'surprise' meeting of Kashmiri leaders — mostly loyalists — at his New Delhi residence on Thursday. In attendance were some former chief ministers of the occupied region, including Omar Abdullah and Mehbooba Mufti, who were both held in detention after the events of August 2019.

Though it is not exactly clear what prompted India to call this meeting, it would not be wrong to say that the moot, weak on substance as it was, was a signal from the Indian leadership that the hard-line approach to resolving the Kashmir issue, specifically by illegally absorbing the region within India, has failed. Such outreach to held Kashmir's political class should have been conducted much earlier, while not inviting leaders of the All Parties Hurriyat Conference was ill-advised, as the Hurriyat is one of the major stakeholders in Kashmir.

The signals from the meeting seem to be mixed. While Mr Modi has indicated he is ready to listen to pro-India parties in Kashmir, he has given no timeframe for the restoration of the region's autonomous status. Ms Mufti had raised the issue of the restoration of Article 370 in the moot, though Mr Modi said a return to full 'statehood' would come "at the right time".

As Foreign Minister Shah Mahmood Qureshi told a press conference in Islamabad on Friday: "This is very vague. What is an opportune time?"

The fact is that India's illegal move to annex Kashmir has not only been denounced by the majority of those seeking freedom in the region, but even some of New Delhi's most staunch loyalists, who were present at the conclave, have rejected this arbitrary decision. Therefore, if the Indian leadership is serious about restoring normalcy in Kashmir, it must set specific goals instead of giving the region's people lollipops.

If India seeks a genuine way forward, it should set a timeline for a return to autonomous rule in Kashmir. Furthermore, New Delhi must engage with Pakistan as well as the Hurriyat leadership, as the Kashmir issue cannot be resolved without the involvement of all stakeholders. If Mr Modi and company think cosmetic measures and false promises will posite the Kashmiris they are mistaken.

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Prime Minister Imran Khan has also said that Pakistan is ready for talks with India should the latter provide a roadmap for restoration of Kashmir's special status. Therefore, India must take solid steps to not only address Kashmiris' concerns, but also to push the peace process with Pakistan forward. Moreover, India needs to halt its efforts to change Kashmir's demographics by settling outsiders in the region. India must show that it respects the wishes of the people of Kashmir, or else such meetings will be little more than a political pantomime

Dawn



# Forlorn Stack: RTI appeals from J&K Pile Up at CIC

Very few cases from J&K listed for hearing in last 18 months

Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat

fter enactment of J&K Reorganisation Act, 2019 dozens erstwhile state laws of Jammu & Kashmir were repealed and a large number of central laws were also extended to J&K. Under this legislation, almost 160 laws of the erstwhile state of Jammu & Kashmir were legally protected in spite of the fact that article 370 was abrogated. There were both anti-people as well as pro people laws of J&K that were given legal protection. Jammu & Kashmir Public Safety Act (PSA), 1978 along with Jammu & Kashmir Public Services Guarantee Act 2011 (PSGA) were also protected. The decision to repeal the J&K Right to Information Act, 2009, and replace it with the Centre's RTI Act, 2005 was taken too hastily.

The central RTI Act 2005 which is applicable in J&K with effect from October 31st 2019 has not at all been helpful to people as there is no provision of an independent State Information Commission (SIC) under this law in Union Territories (UTs). Aggrieved citizens of Jammu & Kashmir intending to file an appeal or complaint under RTI Act 2005 have to move to Central Information Commission (CIC) New Delhi. In many instances, Block Development Officers (BDOs) or school education department officers have not shared information under RTI to citizens which has forced them to file 2nd appeal before CIC even as they didn't get justice after filing 1st appeal before a senior officer (First Appellate Authority).

In December last year, my colleague and I filed four RTI appeals with the Central Information Commission (CIC), New Delhi through an online portal. Even after more than 6 months, not even one of those four appeals has been listed for a first hearing. Is this what the Central government means by 'empowerment'? I ask this question because, until August 2019, when Jammu and Kashmir was still a state, the J&K RTI Act, 2009, was stronger than the Centre's RTI Act, 2005, in many respects. When the Centre repealed J&K's RTI law and replaced it with the Union RTI legislation (RTI Act 2005), J&K was disempowered completely.

### J&K Erstwhile Robust RTI law

Without knowing the facts of the matter, BJP leaders had maintained that the people of J&K had no access to information under the RTI Act until Article 370 was read down. But the erstwhile state of J&K had actually enacted an RTI Act a year before the Centre's RTI Act was enacted. The state's RTI Act was enacted in 2004 by the Mufti Mohammad Syed led People's Democratic

when the J & K legislature passed the J&K RTI Act 2009.

The J&K RTI Act, 2009 (now repealed), was similar to the RTI Act, 2005. But on certain counts, it was much better than the Centre's law. The reason was its time-bound disposal of appeals in the State Information Commission (SIC). This provision for disposals doesn't exist in the RTI Act, 2005, and that is why thousands of appeals remain pending before the central and state information commissions across India.

When the draft bill was prepared for the J&K RTI Act, 2009, the lacunae of the Central RTI Act were noted and kept out of the J&K RTI Act 2009. Pertinently, the J&K State Information Commission -SIC (now shut down post 370) was legally bound to dispose of 2nd appeal within 60 to 120 days. The Centre's RTI Act, 2005, was extended to J&K with effect from October 31, 2019. If an indepth study of the changes brought by this law were to be done by a reputable institution, the results would be astonishing. The repeal of the J&K RTI Act 2009 and many other erstwhile state laws has left the people of J&K feeling disempowered.

### People of J&K, Ladakh deprived of SIC

Under the J&K RTI Act 2009, the people of J&K and Ladakh had an independent state information commission (SIC) where they could file appeals and complaints against erring government officers. Since J&K is no longer a state, there is no longer an information commission and aggrieved RTI appellants and complainants must file their appeals and complaints in the Central Information Commission, New Delhi. Once the appeal is filed, it takes a minimum of seven to eight months for the complaint to have even its first hearing. In comparison, the J&K RTI Act 2009 made it clear that the Jammu and Kashmir SIC had to dispose of appeals within 2 to 4 months. This meant that the appeal was usually listed within a month of being filed.

### No training for designated officers

It is mandatory for the government to train designated public information officers (PIOs) and citizens, especially those belonging to the disadvantaged communities, in the use of the RTI Act 2005. Section 26 of RTI Act 2005 reads as:

"The appropriate Government may, to the extent of availability of financial and other resources:

Develop and organise educational programmes to advance the understanding of the public, in particular of disadvantaged communi-

ties as to how to exercise the rights contemplated under this Act; Train Central Public Information Officers

The J&K RTI Act, 2009 (now repealed), was similar to the RTI Act, 2005. But on certain counts, it was much better than the Centre's law. The reason was its time-bound disposal of appeals in the State Information Commission (SIC). This provision for disposals doesn't exist in the RTI Act, 2005, and that is why thousands of appeals remain pending before the central and state information commissions across India

Party and Congress Government in 2004. When the J&K RTI Act of 2004 proved to be

weak in comparison with the Centre's RTI Act of 2005, the Omar Abdullah-led National Conference government introduced a much stronger RTI legislation in 2009. Pertinently, we had been advocating for a stronger RTI regime in J&K right from 2005 and during 2008 assembly elections, National Conference on our request had made enactment of a robust RTI law part of their election manifesto. Along with reputable NGOs like Commonwealth Human Rights Initiative (CHRI) and the then central Chief Information Commissioner, Wajahat Habibullah, we had been lobbying for enactment of new RTI law in J&K. This became a reality on March 20th 2009

or State Public Information Officers, as the case may be of public authorities and produce relevant training materials for use by the public authorities themselves."

In the last 18 months, not a single RTI workshop has been held by the government for the people of the backward regions of the union territories of Ladakh and J&K since the RTI Act, 2005 came into effect from 31st October 2019. The government has even failed to train its own designated officers called Public Information Officers (PIOs). The training workshops could have been held via virtual mode as well in view of COVID 19 pandemic, but this does not seem to be a priority of the Government.

to eight months for the complaint to have even its first hearing. In comparison, the J&K RTI Act 2009 made it clear that the Jammu and Kashmir SIC had to dispose of appeals within 2 to 4 months. This meant that the appeal was usually listed within a month of being filed.

### Corruption Free Governance?

PM Modi had claimed that the people of J&K would get effective and corruption-free governance after Article 370 was read down. So why don't the field officers act? Why do they constantly refuse to share information under RTI? Why do we have to file an RTI to get the beneficiary list under a scheme like the PM Kissan or PM Awas Yojna (PMAY)? Why isn't this information available on Govt websites as mandated under section 4 of RTI Act 2005?

The delegation of J&K RTI Movement met Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha, early this year and apprised him of issues related to RTI and the lack of updates on government websites. He was very cordial and within a few days, he had orders issued by the secretary of the general administration department (GAD). But once again there was no action. The deadline set by the GAD to update government websites expired at the end of February this year. The websites remain filled with obsolete information.

### RTI Facilitation Centers

Ordinary villagers or even citizens from Srinagar or Jammu cannot approach the New Delhibased CIC as the government has failed to set up RTI facilitation centers. Because of the lack of information and awareness, most of the RTI applicants in J&K now rarely file a second appeal before the CIC. Many of them are not aware of online mechanisms to file 2nd appeal. There is nobody to guide them except for a handful of RTI activists in Srinagar, Jammu, Budgam and a few other districts. The situation in Ladakh is even worse.

Those who have already filed RTI appeals in Central Information Commission (CIC) New Delhi against erring PIOs which includes I and my colleagues are waiting for the 1st hearing of their cases. Some appellants who had filed RTI appeals 8 to 9 months back, haven't been listed. The CIC is not to be blamed. This is not a deliberate attempt by them as they have a huge workload already with limited human resources. The CIC isn't able to do justice as they have to hear cases against all the central government agencies plus all the UTs of India which now includes J&K as well. Cases from J&K have in-fact increased their work while the number of commissioners at CIC remain the same. To address these concerns, the Government must create CIC's circuit bench in J&K where RTI appeals from J&K and Ladakh could be taken care of.

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## KASHMIR OBSERVER **<**

# The Future of Education is Skill-Based

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students begin to actively participate in campus organizations that they will land up in better organizations which ultimately result in satisfying and lucrative careers. Thus, internships are important to provide the much-needed "hire experience" that translates into a permanent job

oving away from the conventional pattern of teaching and learning, the present age is witnessing a paradigm shift in the way teachers are teaching and students are assimilating information. This change in educational patterns is all set to open up newer avenues for the teaching and learning groups, paving the way for a modern school of thought. If you are curious to know about the futuristic trends in education that will shape the lives of the global student fraternity, here are the driving forces that you should watch out for:

#### **Practical Learning Strategies**

Learning by rote is a thing of the past. Now is the age when students are prompted to demonstrate their learnings by following a practical approach. Laying the foundation for personalized learning strategies, the future presents umpteen opportunities to unleash the creative skills of students. It is only when students show what they learnt that they will better understand the concepts of the topic, before they step into learning the next topic as an extension to the earlier one. This strategy of practically demonstrating their knowledge can help students master their

#### Focus on Students' Choice and Preferences

The future of education is all about strengthening and incorporating student-centric learning. In this endeavor, the onus is on teachers to adopt personalized learning and teaching patterns. Flexibility in learning is the keyword that governs the forthcoming tendency of imparting quality education to students. Given the fact that every student is unique with a different set of choices and strengths, it is through flexible learning patterns that students will benefit a great deal in future.

## Collaboration - The Powerful Tool of Sharing and Connect-

All thanks to umpteen technological innovations, education is witnessing a sea of change. Learning and teaching are no longer restricted to the use of textbooks and blackboards. Education has surpassed the geographical boundaries coming in the form of online training courses that can help students to enroll and complete them from any part of the globe. A host of opensource educative sites are now available to students to educate them about any topic under the sun. They can simply browse the topic that interests them the most and exchange information through social media circles.

Active participation in the online social world will set the stage for a collaborative form of learning when students of one school or country can effortlessly reach out to their peers located in other regions; whenever they want. Hence, working together paves way for better communication between students alongside improving their competencies and skills for the world to acknowledge and appreciate.

An amalgamation of education and entertainment is opening the doors to think ahead. It can mean the use of technology to concentrate on online videos or slide shows. Grabbing the attention of students, the latest technological innovations in the sphere of Augmented Reality (AR) have already replaced the pens and chalk pieces needed to learn and teach.

Relying on media as an instrument to impart education has its own benefits, brightening the future of students by honing their creative skills. While providing them with a platform to express themselves better, media learning helps students to stay in constant touch with global educational events that are happening at different venues across the globe. Educative podcasts, videos and recorded audio-video lessons are the latest educational trends that will promise a beautiful makeover to the traditional classroom-type of teaching and learning.

### The Emergence of A Holistic Change

It should be kept in mind that the relationship between students and teachers is constantly changing and evolving with the passage of every single day. Gone are the days when teachers were tagged as the only source of learning. Now is the age when students are able to educate teachers through classroom discussions and presentations. While teachers are looking for other means to educate students, online learning comes as a handy tool to excite the participation of introverted students.

As a class enjoys the luxury of learning from different approaches, knowledge-seekers can make the most of such teaching methods. Permitting students to get introduced to global educational patterns, exchange of facts becomes a breeze when teachers assign interactive quizzes as class and home assignments along with the novel flipped classroom sessions.

#### Skill-Based Education Paves Way for Trained Professionals

Education is all about preparing students towards employment. While bookish knowledge helps them understand the topic, it is only when they apply that knowledge to a specific trade that they will shine in their jobs. Skill-based training, also called as vocational training not only enhances employability but also drives the competencies in students to try their hand in various

Skill-based training through its modular pattern can be introduced at the secondary and higher secondary stages. Once this is done, our economy will witness a boost coming in the form of competitive professionals who are equipped with on-the-job-training. This skill-centric education allows students to stay in good stead with the advancements in their chosen field of work. Tagged as an essential pillar of education, skillbased training is one of the ways to bridge the gap between the demand and supply of trained professionals; a scenario that is rampant in many countries.

### Learning On the Go is Fun

his is the generation of smartphones which are not only omnipresent but also omnipotent. Capable of simplifying our lives in a number of ways, students will be empowered to learn anywhere and anytime that is convenient to them through their internet-connected smartphones. Offering them the best learning experiences, mobile learning can further narrow the boundaries

### **Appreciating Students**

Feedback is another tool that will see the light of the day in imparting holistic education. Positive feedback coming in the form of awards and credits will encourage students to perform better and develop a keen sense of healthy competition amongst peer groups. Departing from the traditional A to F grading of students, it is through academic credits that teachers and schools can handhold students of varying IQ levels to demonstrate their innate strengths. This mind shift of compartmentalizing students to grades will develop the positive mindset that will work in favor of the learning communities.

#### Internships – Another Promising Tool For Career Readiness

Students will be better prepared to identify and grab job opportunities provided they are exposed to real world experiences. Since the underlying purpose of education is to make a mark for yourself in your chosen field of work, internships offer a close-up to the corporate environment or job culture.

Internships are promising since they extend their classroom learnings to familiarize themselves with the workplace environment. While helping students gain technical knowledge about the working of organizations, in-house training workshops can hone their social skills. It is when students begin to actively participate in campus organizations that they will land up in better organizations which ultimately result in satisfying and lucrative careers. Thus, internships are important to provide the much-needed "hire experience" that translates into a permanent job with a handsome salary.

### **Adaptive Learning Platforms**

Teachers are now being trained to bring in an adaptive learning curriculum which is in the best interest of the learning fraternity. It is through such innovative platforms that teachers can improve student engagement when they begin to impart education using adaptive con ware. It is a personalized learning which helps students work on instant feedback given out by

Coming in the form of formative assessments, students will be differentiated based on their innate strengths and capabilities. Creating enough room for improvement, appropriate learning tools can be recommended so that the nascent talents of students are unveiled and brought to the fore. This competency-based educational pattern will thus lay the foundation of a curriculum that will keep in mind the fundamental interests and individual needs of students.

Transitioning from the traditional to the modern style of imparting education did take a long time. And now that this change is widespread, students across the globe will be at the receiving end of multiple benefits that will not only strengthen their knowledge-base but will also pave the way for lucrative and high-paying careers they are dreaming of.

The author is a retired Principal

#### he first time I realised how important intent is, was when I was studying criminal law in Law College. How mens rea translating from Latin to mean guilty mind, or criminal intent, distinguished a murder from homicide. From being punished for a murder one could be cleared of any criminal charges, if the act of murder was done in self defence.

In life, I realised how intent actually shapes our minds and actions. As one goes through the journey of life, one can distinguish how genuine is the other person's intent. Some people are so genuine, that there is complete harmony between their thoughts, intent and action. On the other side of the spectrum, are those people who pretend to help but actually have no intention of doing so. They will fake concern and be very vocal about their intent to help, all sentences start with "I wish" or "If I could" or "I would have loved to but...."

Some people, who I must say have a lot of free time on their hand, want to hear the full story but actually from the start have no intent of helping you. Now I have become a bit wise and only ask those who I know are genuinely concerned and will go out of their way to do what they can. I don't have

the time to tell stories to the fake ones. Another interesting trait of those who are not really interested in your cause is that they will give a hundred excuses why one should not even try. "It

## Intention Is Where The Game Begin

Shilpa Bhasin Mehra

is impossible, "you are wasting your time" or "100 per cent this will not happen". My request to such people is to keep their negativity to themselves. At least don't drain me out with it. Just like the quote: "If you have nothing nice to say, it is better not to say anything", similarly, if you can't help or encourage, please don't discourage me. There are enough challenges in life, and we all need encouragement to face a new day, especially in the pandemic that we are living in.

Being a believer in the law of attraction, I am naturally in sync with like-minded people. The ones who always tend to think of the negative consequences first are not my favourites. Being a lawyer, we weigh the pros and cons, the positives and negatives of every case. What baffles me is how some people just think of the negatives. "You won't get a table at the restaurant", to "you will be stuck in traffic" to "you will be in trouble at the Customs" to whatever. I do get amused when I prove



Somewhere in the race of life, our intent to do good things got substituted for the intent to please our boss, or intent to buy a new house or car. What Covid 19 has shown us is that what we crave for is the human interaction with our family and loved ones, the outings with our friends and the good times we had, and not for the new house, car or watch

them wrong.

When I was studying the Science of Well Being (Happiness), it was amazing to learn that we get happiness when we give, share and care — what was needed was the genuine intent to do so. We should not let our lesser resources discourage us from doing what we can. If we can't feed a hundred, at least we can feed one, Mother Teresa said.

Somewhere in the race of life, our intent to do good things got substituted for the intent to please our boss, or intent to buy a new house or car. What Covid 19 has shown us is that what we crave for is the human interaction with our family and loved ones, the outings with our friends and the good times we had, and not for the new house, car or watch. One quote that really inspired me when I was paralysed in 2003 was "life may not be the party we hoped it would be, but while we are here we may as well dance". Putting this in the present context, while we are in lockdown and restricted movement, we can look around and see if we can help our neighbours and community in some way. One community I know does a virtual music programme with cheerful and motivating songs sung by the residents to uplift the mood in this tough time. So it is not always financial help that is needed. We are going through a very emotionally turbulent time too. Send an inspiring quote, a good morning message, or a joke to bring some laughter on Whatsapp. The daily mortality rate can be avoided please.

We say charity begins at home. I say goodness begins from our intent. If a precious metal like silver can get tarnished, so can our intentions. We need to polish our good intentions and the result will be shining and so rewarding.

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## **Directorate of Tourism Kashmir**

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eNIT No.Acctts/1/2021-22 dated 28.06.2021

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor of Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, e-Tenders is invited from registered dealers/suppliers for upholstery of

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S.No.	Name of Job	Value of CDR/FDR	Cost of tender Document
1.	Upholstery of Sofa sets, chairs and	Rs. 10,000/- pledged in favour of Accounts Officer,	Rs. 300/- pledged in favour of Accounts
	Office Screen	Directorate of Tourism Kashmir	Officer, Directorate of Tourism Kashmir (Non-
			rofundablo)

The Bidding documents Consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, bill of quantities (B.O.Q.), Set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/downloaded from www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below

1.	Date of Issue of Tender Notice	29.06.2021		
2.	Period of downloading of bidding documents	29.06.2021 2.00 PM to 14.07.2021 04.00 P.M		
3.	Bid submission Start Date	29.06.2021 From 2.00 PM		
4.	Bid Submission End Date	14.07.2021 Upto 04.00 P.M		
6.	Date & time of opening of Financial Bids(Online)	Shall be declared separately		
	2. 3. 4.	Period of downloading of bidding documents     Bid submission Start Date     Bid Submission End Date		

In case of any eventuality, the online tender opening date will be considered on any other convenient working date.

This office reserves the right to reject any item or items if found not of standard quality.

Instruction to bidders regarding e-tendering process.

- ssion manual from the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in acquaint bid
- 2. To participate in bidding process, bidders have to get 'Digital Signature Certificate (DSC)' as per Information Technology Act-2000. Bidders can get digital certificate from
- 3. The bidders have to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital Signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.
- 4. Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in Para-1.
- 5. Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary documents with the technical bid. Besides, original CDR/ Demand Draft be submitted physically/by regis tered post/through courier before date specified in Para-I.
- 7. The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission due to any reasons.
- 8. Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (bill of quantities) contents in no case they should attempt to create similar BOQ manually. The BOQ should be saved with the same name as it contains.
- 9. The date and time of opening of technical bids shall be notified on website www.jktenders.gov.in and conveyed to the bidders automatically through an e-mail message on their e-mail address. The Financial Bids of responsive bidders shall be opened on same website.

  10. Scanned copy of cost of tender document in shape of Demand Draft in favor of Accounts Officer, DoT Kashmir and Earnest Money /Bid Security in shape of CDR/FDR if
- applicable pledged to Accounts Officer, DoT Kashmir must be uploaded with the documents of the bid of tender/as per time schedule specified besides original copy of the
- same shall be submitted through registered post. 11. The bids for the rate contract shall remain valid for a period of 365 days from the date of work contract order.

Note:- Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.

## **Eligibility Criteria**

- GST Registration Certificate & GST Returns for month/quarter of i.e. 2020-21
- Registration Certificate of the Establishment/firm
- Relevant CDR/DD.
- Income Tax Returns for last financial year. General terms and Conditions.
- No conditional tender shall be entertained/accepted.
- The tenderer must upload scanned copy of cost of document in shape of CDR/FDR for an amount of Rs. 300/- from any nationalized bank, pledged to Accounts Officer, Directorate of Tourism Kashmir and original also be submitted through registered post.

  3. The tenderer must upload scanned copy of earnest money in the shape of CDR for an amount of Rs. 10000/- (Rupees Ten thousand only) in the form of
- CDR/FDR from any nationalized bank, pledged to Accounts Officer, Directorate of Tourism Kashmirand original also be submitted through registered post. No i be paid by the department on such deposits.
- The tenderers/firms should also upload the following DESIRABLE documents if any:
- Previous Job orders from Government Deptt./Public Sector.
- Order completion certificates from the concerned department if any
- Any other document which proves that the agency has worked for any Govt.Deptt/Public Sector Enterprise.
- Draft charges (bank commission) on payment made to the firms will be borne by the supplier/service provider.
- GST&TDS will be deducted at source as per rates in vogue.

  The tenderer shall have to deposit sample of items (whenever necessary) in the office of DoT.
- The tenderer should not have been blacklisted or barred by the State/UT/Central Government.
- The original copies of documents have to be produced whenever demanded by the DoT.
  These terms and conditions are illustrative and not exhaustive. In case of non-availability of any provision in these terms and conditions, recourse should be  $taken from \, relevant \, codes, Acts \, like \, General \, Financial \, Rules \, 2017, \\ J\&K \, Financial \, Codes, \\ Manual \, of \, Goods, \\ Works \, and \, Services \, etc.$
- The successful tenderer shall have to supply the items to the Department as per the quality, size and specification approved by the competent Authority The CDR of the tenderer who backs out or withdraws his tender or fails to abide by the supply order shall be forfeited besides recommending him for black-list.
- 13. All legal proceedings arising out of any dispute between the parties shall have to be instituted in the jurisdiction of courts situated in Srinagar and not elsewhere. The agency shall not sublet the contract or any part thereof to any other agency.
- The approved service provider shall be deemed to have fully understood the conditions of the Tender Document The successful tender has to execute the agreement with the department before issuance of rate contract to abide all the terms and conditions laid down in
- the NIT/tender document and other government instructions for this purpose Rates be quoted including all taxes and duties including GST.
- The successful tenderer if fails to provide the facility/service at any stage will be liable for penalty upto 10% of the work order.
- Rate contract will be valid for one year from the date of rate contract or issue of fresh tenders whichever is earlier. However, if new rate contract is not finalized due to unavoidable circumstances, the rate contract can be extended upto 3 months by the contract committee.
- The Department reserves the right to reject the tender without assigning any reason thereof

No: Acctts/190/DTK Dated: 28.06.202

Directorate of Tourism Kashmi DIPK-3786/21

## SONAMARG DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

Tel/Fax: - 0194-2416100 (Mini Secretariat Ganderbal) Email:-Sdaofficial@yahoo.com

Subject: Outsourcing of Assets of Sonamarg Development Authority.

Reference: Letter No. Estate/10-B/DTK/155 dated.05/05/2021 from Director Tourism, Kashmir (Chairman Outsourcing Committee)

#### **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST**

For and on behalf of the Sonamarg Development Authority, interested parties are informed to participate in the open auction bid for Outsourcing of below mentioned asset of Sonamarg Development Authority, at Sonamarg on "as is & where is basis" against the basic bid amount showing against the asset w.e.f. July 2021 oras per the period mentioned in the formal allotment of contract. The open auction shall be conducted in the Office of Director, Tourism Department, Kashmir, at TRC, Srinagar, by the Outsourcing Committee, for which separate notice will be issued; however, application as per the prescribed format along with CDR may be submitted in the office of the Sonamarg Dev. Authority, at Sonamarg, 28-06-2021 to 12-07-2021 up to 2.00 PM:

S.No	Name of the Asset				Cost of docu-
			outsource		ment
1.	Operation of Park with Restau-	Rs.1.75 lacs (one lac & seventy five thousand only)	Three years	15,000/-(Rupees	400/-
	rant at Yachimarg Sonamarg.	for tourist season 2021 with 15% increase yearly on		Fifteen thousand	
		maximum bid for the period of three years.		only)	

#### Terms and Conditions:-

1. The eligible bidders should deposit the CDR (Cash Deposit Receipt) for amount shown against each asset pledged to Accounts Officer, Sonamarg Development Authority, drawn from any recognized bank, preferably from J&K Bank, Ltd.

- 2. Tourist season at Sonamarg refers the period from the date of allotment to the closure of Sonamarg Kargil-Leh Road or up to 31.12.2021, whichever is earlier and so on.
- 3. The intending bidder may inspect the site/spot of proposed site before participating in the bidding process
- 4. In case the successful bidder fails to make payment as specified above, He shall loose the CDR & recovery of the balance amount (bid amount offered) shall be made from his (successful bidder) movable/immovable assets. However, the next highest Bidder shall be offered to deposit the bid amount offered by the 1st highest bidder on the same conditions of payment.
- 5. Successful bidder shall not make any addition or alternation (Temporary or Permanent) to existing structures of the outsourced as-
- 6. The successful bidder shall strictly adhere to all rules and regulations regarding commercial establishment, sanitation in vogue with focus on preservation of environment etc. within the territorial area and should clear all applicable taxes within the stipulated time; any default on this account will be the sole responsibility of the successful bidder.
- 7. The successful bidder shall arrange all housekeeping/watch & ward and other routine maintenance operations of assets of his own to the satisfaction of the Authority, throughout the year, with focus on sanitation and cleanness of entire area; besides, the bidder shall maintain the fragile eco-system within the area of operation any violation of environment regulations will invite cancellation of the contract. Any legal proceedings as per law initiated will be dealt by the successful bidder. SDA will not be responsible for any kind of damage, injury, theft mishap during the period of contract.
- 8. The successful bidder has to pay water and electricity charges during period of contract and any default on this count will have bearing upon the term of the contract to its cancellation.
- 9. The successful bidder has to ensure all safety measures like firefighting equipment's, first aid and insurance of the physical assets during the period of allotment.
- 10. The successful bidder has to run the establishment as per the norms and conditions as prescribed within Tourist Trade Act in vogue. 11. The Tariff/Rate list of services and products will be decided by the Authority in consultation with the successful bidder as per approved tariff plan by the competent authority in this matter.
- 12. In case of any untoward/undesired commission of act by the successful bidder or any of his staff members during the contract period, the dispute has to be resolved by the successful bidder himself and Sonamarg Development Authority shall in no case be the party to
- such untoward acts and also no responsibility on this account. 13. The Authority shall not be responsible for any climatic untowardness or any law & order problem like unrest etc, during the contract
- 14. From the date of enacting the agreement with the Authority, the successful bidder shall be known as service provider for the period of contract and any dispute during this period with the prospective customers will be the sole responsibility of the successful bidder.
- 15 The successful bidder shall submit attested copy of all documents viz. Registration/ Income Tax/Service Tax clearance certificate of the preceding year and experience certificate of Hotel Management, wherever applicable, Original documents may be produced on demand for verification.
- 16. The successful bidder has to pay Income Tax on the final bid amount at the rates in vogue or amended by the Income Tax Department from time to time as applicable under rules. Any damage to property and assets during the contract period shall be recovered as original with a penalty of 20% of the cost of damage.
- 17. The successful bidder has to deposit full bid amount offered in advance (100%) on the day of auction in the form of Demand Draft or through online payment. Agreed bid amount with corresponding increase by 15 %, for subsequent years of the assets, outsourced for more than one year, should be deposited in the month of January of that year and so on.
- 18. The successful bidder shall execute the agreement with the Executive Engineer, SDA as per conditions laid down in this notice and may have additional condition, if Authority deems appropriate., to make agreement further effective.
- 19. The agency will not sublet the allotment to any other party by way of attorney or any other means. Doing so, his allotment will be cancelled at that very instant without any notice and penalty will be imposed.
- 20. The outsourcing committee reserves the right to accept or reject any or all the offers/bids without assigning any reasons thereto.
- 21. The notice for conducting the open auction shall be issued separately.
- 22. Applicants who have submitted applications in response to previous EOI notice, need not to apply again.

DIPK-NB-1436/21

**Chief Executive Officer Sonamarg Development Authority** No.CEO/SDA /2021/ 596-604. Dated.28-06-2021.

Office Of The Assistant Regional **Transport Officer Budgam Kashmir** 



Where a application for transfer of ownership has been recieved from one. Shri: Firdous Ahmad Parray S/o: Abdul Rashid Parray R/o: Lalgam Budgam (Transferor) of LMV Santro. Vehicle bearing registration number



K04C - 4678. Chasis number 835425 Engine no. 7985001 Model 2014. in favour of Shri.. Mohammad Rafiq S/o. Ghulam Mohi ud din R/o Nagam Chadoora Budgam (Tranferee) as

well as HPA cancellation with M/S J & K Bank B/U Wathoora. 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 12 days from the date of publication of this notice

No. ARTO/BUDGAM.887 Dated 29/06/2021

**Assistant Regional Transport** officer Budgam Kashmir

#### OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT RE-**GIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER ANANTNAG**

Whereas an joint application has been received by this office from Dr Bashir Ahmad Kanue S/o Mohd Abdullah Kanue R/o New colony Bijbehara owner of vehicle bearing registration No Jk03E 5505 for cancellation of Hire Purchase Agreement With M/S JK Bank Zirpora Bijbehara and HPA agreement with

Before the case is disposed off on its merits, anybody having any objection regarding the proposed transfer may file his objection within 7 days from the publication of this notice to the office of the undersigned .No any representation /objection shall be entertained after sitipulated period.

No: ARTO/Ang/2021-7564 Dated: 28-06-2021

Assistant regional transport officer anantnag

#### OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT REGIONAL TRANSPORT OFFICER ANANTNAG



**Accounts Officer** 

mercial) covering under R/p and MrParvaz Ahmad Mir S/o FayazAhamd Mir R/o TumlahalPulwama ( party no 2nd ) as transferee

Before the case is disposed off on its merits, anybody having any objection regarding the proposed transfer may file his objection within 7 days from the publication of this notice to the office of the undersigned .No any represen-

No: 101/4463/MVd/Ang Dated: 29-06-2021

نائب تحصيلدار

Assistant regional transport

#### از نیابت وندیدگام بااجلاس منظوراحمدخان نائب تحصلیدار درخواست منجانب: سُجادا حمد دُّار ولدنظيرا حمد دُّارسا كينه حال پوره شلع اننت ناگ بغرض حصول PSC پہاڈی سپیکینگ سرفکلیٹ ۔ اشتہار بمرادآ گاہی ہرخاص وعام۔ معاملہ مندرجیعوان الصدر میں سال نے ایک درحواست ہریں حریب ۔ ر ۔ چوکہ زیرکا روائی ہے۔ پیواری حلقہ ہے رپورٹ طلب گائی جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سائل کا کنیہ بذیل افرادین ۔ آمد نی - <sup>'</sup>نظيراحمد ڈار 57 سال ۲\_مساة زيئاز وجنظيراحمد ژار 48 سال ا،سجاداحمدڈارولدنظیراحمدڈار 21سال ۵، محداشرف ڈار 18سال ' *محد*عارف ڈار سکےعلاوہ اورکوئی افراد کنبہ موجود نہیں ہے۔ لبذ اسرفطیٹ اجراءکرنے میں اگر سی شخص کوکوئی اعتراض ہوگاوہ ایک ہفتہ کے اندر دوران دفتری اوقات میں اپنااعتراض پیش کریں،معیاد گزرنے بعد کوئی بھی ىتراض قابل قبول نېيىن ہوگا <sub>-</sub>

از نیابت دیدگام بااجلاس جاویداحه یکیم صاحب نمون درخواست منجاب جمیر سعید دانی ولدعبدالرجهان دانی سا کنه گند قتع پوره ضلع اننت ناگ۔ عامله مندرجه عنوان الصدريين سائلان نے ايك درخواست بغرض حصول بيك وار ڈارياسرفطيك وفتر

امیں پیش کیا ہے۔اس بارے میں عملہ فیلڈ سے رپورٹ طلب کیا گیا جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سائل کا نبہ دھ ھذامیں گزشتہ پندرہ سالوں ہے رہائش پذیر ہے اور سائل کا کنبہ بذیل ہے۔

آمدنی	پیشہ	عمر	نام افراد کنبه	نمبرشار
5000/=	مزدوری	34سال	محد سعيدواني ولدعبدالرحمان	01
	گھر بلو کام	33سال	مساة تسليمهاختر زوجه محمرسعيد	02
	زرتعليم	22-بال	رياض احمدواني ولدعبدالرحمان	03
	گھر بلوکام	54سال	مسماة رفيقه بيكم بيوه عبدالرحمان	04

طور کنبہ 104 فراد پر ششتل ہے ۔لہذاز ہر بحث سرٹفکیٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کوکوئی عذریا عتراض ہوتو وہ سات دن کے اندراندرا پنااعتراض معہ وجو ہات پیش کرے۔ میعاد گذرنے بعد کوئی مذريااعتراض قابل قبولنہيں ہوگا۔

#### ازعدالت الگیزیکٹومجسٹریٹ درجداول (تحصیلداراننت ناگ) بااجلاس عمرگلز ارصاحب درخواست منجانب: خورشیداحمد و ارولدعبدل رشید و ارسا کنه منیواره انت ناگ بغرض اجرائى تارىخ پيدائش شوقيك بنام منز وخورشيد اشتهار بمرادا گاہی ہرخاص وعام

معامله مندرجه عنوان الصدر میں سائل /سائله ذر کوره بلانے عدالت میں ایک درخواست حلفی بیان پیش كيا إسمائل ادخر كا تاريخ بيداش 201-07-19 إلى من من من من عن شوفيك بيدائل نكافيك خواہ ہے لہذا شیفکیٹ مذکورہ کوا جرا کرنے میں کٹی مخص کوکوئی بھی عذریااعتراضَ ہوتو وہ ایک ہفتہ کے اندراندرد دران دفتری اوقات میں پیش کرے بصورت دیگر کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔ ا مَیْزیکٹومجسٹریٹ درجہاول (تحصلید ارانت ناگ

ازنیابت دیدگام بااجلاس جاویداحر حکیم صاحب

ممون درخواست منجاب: آ زادحسین لون ولد بشیراحمدلون ساکنهٔ هر دوسیچن ضلع است ناگ. بمرادعطاً ي RBA سر فيفكك معامله مندرج عنوان الصدر ميں سائلان نے ايك درخواست بغرض حصول بيك وارڈ اريا سرففكيك دفتر ہذامیں پیش کیا ہے۔اس بارے میں عملہ فیلڈ سے دپورٹ طلب کیا گیاجس سے عیال ہے کہ سائل کا کنبددھھذامیں گزشتہ پندرہ سالوں سے رہائش پذیر ہےاور سائل کا کنبہ بذیل ہے۔ پیشه LPC 55سال بشيراحمه لون ولدمحمه عبدالله لون 01 حنفيه بونوز وجه بشيراحمه تحمر بلوكام 02 سركاري ملازم 32سال 03 گھریلوکام 27سال مهك رشيدز وجه مختاراحمه 04 شيرخوار 01سال زفيره دختر مختاراحمه 05 ز رتعلیم آ زادحسین ولد بشیراحمه 06 30سال

۔ حلور کنبہ 10 فراد پرمشتمل ہے ۔لہذاز ہر بحث سرٹفکیٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگر کٹی شخص کوکوئی عذریا اعتراض ہوتو وہ سات دن کے اندراندرا پنااعتراض معہ وجوہات پیش کرے۔میعاد گذرنے بعد کوئی عذريااعتراض قابل قبول نہيں ہوگا۔



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(purchaser) requesting for transfer of R/C & R/P of the above noted vehicle from party ni 1st to 2nd and cancellation of hire purchase agreement with JK Bank Qazigund

tation /objection shall be entertained after sitipulated period.

از دفتر نائب تحصيلدار كلنتره درخواست منجانب:الطاف حسين تيلي ولدغلام احمه تيلي ساكنه؛ وُ مَدَّمُوهِ: حصول نسبت ؛RBA بحق برا درگلز اراحمه تیلی: اشتهار بمرادآ گاہی ہرخاص وعام ا متنتها ربمرا دآ گاهی مرخاص وعام معامله مندجه عنوان الصدر مین درخواست ساک دفتر بندایش زیرکاردنی بهاس سلط مین پنواری حلقه سے رپورٹ بشوله ریکارڈ طلب کیا گیاہے جس سےعیاں ہے کس الم مضع ڈنڈموہ میں رہایش پذیرہے اور کمب بذیل افرد رمشمل ہے ئىزدورى :30 2: كلثمه بيكم 3: فياض احمه تيلي؛ ؛گھربلوكام ؛28 مزدوری :25 گھربلوکام؛ 23 زير يُرورشُ؛ 03 اس کےعلاوہ کوئی افراد کہمنہیں ہےسائل کے کمید کی سالا ن**ہ آمد ٹی :8400**0: ہے سرٹفیکیٹ اجرا کرنے میں اگر کی شخص کوئی عذریااعتراض ہوتو وہ اپناعذریااعتراض ساتھ یوم اندر دفتر ہذامیں پیش کرے معیاد گرنے بعد كوئى بھى عذريااعتراض قابل قبول نہيں ہوگا

ازدفتر نائب تخصيلداركربري درخواست منجانب: غلام محى الدّين واني ولد محمة عبداللّه واني ساكنه؛ كريري: حصول نسبت؛ EWS سرنيفيكك: اشتهار بمرادآ گاہی ہرخاص وعام معاملەمنىرچە عنوان الصدر مىں درخواست سائل وفتر ہذامىن زىرىكاروئى ہےاس سلسلەمىن پٹوارى حلقەسے راپورٹ بشولەر يكارۋ طلب کیا گیاہے جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سائل موضع کرری میں رہایش پذیر ہےاور کمبہ بذیل افرد پر شتل ہے :غلاممحی الدین وانی؛ مزدوری 52 سال گھریلوکام 47 س کے علاوہ کوئی افراد کمہ نہیں ہے سائل کے کمید کی ماہوارہ آمدنی ۔۔ ہے سرٹھیکیٹ اجراکرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو گئ عذریااعتراض ہوتو وہ اپناعذریااعتراض ساتھ یوم اندر **فتر ہذا میں بی**یش کرےمعیا دگرنے بعد کوئی بھی عذریا

درخواست منجانب:عبدالا حدوانی ولدڅړعبدالله وانی سا کڼه؛ کربړي حصول نسبت؛ EWS سرطيفيكك: اشتهار بمرادآ گاہی ہرخاص وعام معاملەمندىيە عنوان الصدر مىن درخواست ساكل دفتر نېدامىن زىرىكاردى ئى سېاس سلسلەمىن پۇدارى حلقەسەر پورى بىشمولەر يكارۋ طلب کیا گیاہے جس سےعیاں ہے کہ اکل موضع کرری میں رہایش پذیر ہےاور کمہ بذیل افر در مشتل ہے ؛مردوری؛ 54 عبدالاحدواني ؛گھریلوکام ؛49 زرتعلیم ،20 ازرتعلیم ،18 ازرتعلیم؛ 08 4:اقراءاحد 5:ارتضاءاحد ں کےعلاوہ کوئی افراد کہم نہیں ہے سائل کے کمبر کی ماہوارہ آمد نی۔۔ ہے سرٹفیکیٹ اجرا کرنے میں اگر کسی نخف کو گئ عذر یااعتراض ہوتو وہ ا پناعذر یااعتراض ساتھ ایم اندر دفتر ہٰدا میں بیش کرے معیادگرنے بعد کو ئی بھی عذر یا اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا نائب تحصيلدار

از دفتر نائب تخصيلدار کربړي

**JKCA Seeks Information** 

**From Cricket Clubs &** 

**District Associations** 

## T20 World Cup To Be Held From Oct 17-Nov 14: ICC



**Press Trust of India** 

**DUBAI:** This year's T20 World Cup, which has been moved to the UAE and Oman from India due to the COVID-19 pandemic, will be played from October 17 to November 14, the International Cricket Council (ICC) announced on Tuesday.

The ICC statement came a day after BCCI intimated the governing body that the event can be moved out of India.

"The BCCI will remain the hosts of the event, which will now be held in Dubai International Stadium, the Sheikh Zayed Stadium in Abu Dhabi, the Sharjah Stadium, and the Oman Cricket Academy Ground, from 17 October to 14 November 2021," the ICC stated.

The first round of the tournament, comprising the eight qualifying teams, will now be split between Oman and UAE. Four of these teams will then progress to the Super 12s round where they'll join the eight automatic qualifiers.

The upcoming edition will be the first men's T20 World Cup played

CUIBA: Lionel Messi became Ar-

gentina's most capped interna-

tional player, marking the occa-

sion with two goals as he led his

national team to a 4-1 win over

appearance for Argentina beat the

mark previously held by retired

helped Argentina ensure top

spot in Group A, setting up a quarterfinal against Ecuador on

His two goals and one assist

Messi made his Argentina debut

in 2005 in a 2-1 win in a friendly

against Hungary. He was sent off

The 34-year-old Messi's 148th

Bolivia at the Copa America.

defender Javier Mascherano.

Saturday.

**Lionel Messi Breaks** 

At Copa America Win

**Argentina's Record For Caps** 

England in the final in India.

The eight teams competing in the preliminary stage are Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Ireland, Netherlands, Scotland, Namibia, Oman and Papua New Guinea, before the play-off stage and the Final on November 14.

"Our priority is to deliver the ICC Men's T20 World Cup 2021 safely, in full and in its current window," said acting ICC CEO Geoff Allardice.

"...the decision gives us the certainty we need to stage the event in a country that is a proven international host of multi-team events in a bio-secure environment.

"We will work closely with the BCCI, the Emirates Cricket Board and Oman Cricket to ensure fans can enjoy a wonderful celebration

BCCI president Sourav Ganguly added: "We would have been happier hosting it in India but considering the uncertainty due to the COV-ID-19 situation and the importance of a world championship, the BCCI will now continue to host this tournament in UAE and Oman.'

during that match after hitting a

holds the all-time Argentina high

of 75 goals, is also seeking to break

two South American records:

Pele's as the top goal scorer of a

national team (77 for Brazil), and

Chile's Sergio Livingstone mark of

34 for most Copa America appear-

Diego Maradona scored 32

goals in 87 matches for Argentina,

including the 1986 World Cup tri-

umph. Messi, despite his impres-

sive individual statistics, is yet to

World Cup and at two editions of

Copa America in 2015 and in '16.

He was runner-up at the 2014

win a major title for Argentina.

rival with his elbow.

ances (Messi has 31).

# since 2016, when West Indies beat

ties in the UT of J&K and Ladakh. "The detail of information

**SRINAGAR:** The BCCI appointed

sub-committee for Jammu and

Kashmir Cricket Association (JKCA)

on Tuesday said that it is seeking

detailed information from all af-

filiated cricket clubs (including

disputed ones) and District Cricket

Associations. The information can

seeking of information from clubs is

aimed at revival of cricketing activi-

In a press release, the JKCA said the

be submitted by 15th July, 2021.

wise details of the teams, details of elections held on yearly basis & list of elected office bearers, details of the offices of the clubs/association to include location, mailing address, email ID," the statement said.

"Also include details of assets, fixtures and facilities, details of funds received from JKCA including expenditure details. Details of members who have incurred disability under Lodha panel report has also been sought. The clubs/ associations have also been asked to intimate details of any financial

help received by any club member in any capacity from JKCA," it added.

The statement also revealed that the sub-committee members will hold direct interactions with the affiliated clubs and district associations soon. The BCCI formed the three-member sub-committee, comprising of former Delhi and J&K Ranji cricketer Mithun Manhas and two BJP office bearers - Sunil Sethi and Anil Gupta, this year on June 16th to handle JKCA's day-to-day functioning.

The BCCI also appointed Maiid Dar to oversee development of cricket in Srinagar

## JKFA Professional League 2021 From July 12, Top 2 Teams To Enter I-League 2nd Division

**Observer News Service** 

SRINAGAR: The Jammu & Kashmir Football Association (JKFA) on Tuesday announced that its Professional League 2021 will start from July 12 at Synthetic Turf TRC, Srinagar.

The JKFA said that 8 football clubs will participate in the competition and the top two teams will get nominated to play in the 2021 season of the Hero I-League 2nd Division, set to be held in September of this year in Bengaluru. The JKFA also said that the League will take place in a round-robin format.

JKFA's PRO, Mr Bilal told KO that the 8 teams include J&K's top clubs, most of whom are determined to play I-league 2nd Division this year.

The competing teams: Kashmir Avengers FC, J&K Bank FC, Downtown Heroes FC, Hyderya Sports FC, Lonestar Kashmir FC, Shaheen FC (Jammu-based), Real Kashmir FC (Reserves) and the JK Sports Council Football Academy.



# After 2 Years, White Water Rafting **Activities Resume At Wussan**

**Observer News Service** 

**GANDERBAL:** The cold waters of Sindh on Tuesday reverberated with the resumption of White Water Rafting from Wussan to Wayil in Ganderbal district after nearly two years.

The Rafting activities were kick started by the Directorate of Tourism, Kashmir jointly with Adventure Tour Operators with strict adherence to all COVID-19 related SOPs and protocols.

Director Tourism, Kashmir, Dr. G N Itoo, senior officers of Tourism Department, representatives of Adventure and water sports groups, white water rafters and many tourists were present at the event.

"White Water Rafting is an important component of Adventure Tourism in J&K and the Department is seriously exploring the possibilities of more adventure tourism avenues across Kashmir so that more youth get employability opportunities besides the tourists visiting J&K get options of adventure activities than routine visits to places of attraction," the Director



Highlighting that Kashmir Valley has ample scope for adventure tourism activities, Dr. Itoo added that the Department has started exploring virgin tourist destinations across Kashmir Valley so that tourists get diverse options while visiting here and recently in that direction several unexplored trekking routes were also opened for the enthusiastic trekking goers.

The Director Tourism said the Department has carried vaccination campaign to inoculate tourism stakeholders against COVID-19 pandemic. He said as a result of this vigorous campaign around 85% tourism stakeholders got vaccinated. The goal, he said, is to achieve cent per cent vaccination of tourism stakeholders so that once the COVID-19 situation further improves, tourists get the confidence of coming to Kashmir in bigger numbers. On the occasion, large number of white water rafters participated in the event.

## **Tour de France Riders** Stage Protest Amid Road Safety Debate

Agencies

FOUGERES: Tour de France riders staged a protest at the start of Tuesday's stage to complain about perceived dangerous racing conditions after a flurry of crashes reignited the issue of road safety.

Having left the town of Redon in the western Brittany region to start Stage 4, the peloton rode at a moderate pace and all riders got off their bikes after about one kilometer. They waited silently for about a minute before hitting the road again.

After the crash-filled Stage 3, several riders have criticized race organizers for setting up what they considered a dangerous finale to a Tour stage, especially in the early days of the race when nervousness is at its highest level.

Former world champion Philippe Gilbert said in a video that riders' representatives asked for the Stage 3 timings to end with five kilometers left. The goal by the majority of riders was to avoid a risky final sprint in narrow and winding roads leading to the finish line.

"We had analyzed the route and saw that the finale was extremely dangerous," said Gilbert, a Belgian classic specialist.

Gilbert said that race organizer ASO supported the proposal. "But the UCI (cycling's governing body) commissaires did not accept the request, it was rejected in the morning at the start of the race," he said. Gilbert said a pileup on a

downhill curve about three kilometers from the finish was a direct consequence

There was a big mistake from

the people who approved this route," he said. Riders' union CPA said in a statement it has asked the UCI to set up discussions to adapt the socalled "3-kilometer rule" during

stage races. Under that regulation, riders who crash in the last three kilometers are awarded the time of the group they were riding with before they fell. "This could avoid circumstanc-

es such as those which occurred in

yesterday's stage," the union said.

"Riders and CPA are determined

to pursue changes for the safety and physical integrity of athletes. These changes are more necessary than ever."

Thierry Gouvenou, who is in charge of the Tour route, told L'Equipe newspaper about the increasing challenges he faces to find finish sites without dangerous road materials.

"There are no longer any medium-sized towns without a small island, roundabout or narrowing," he said. "Ten years ago, there were 1,100 dangerous points on the Tour de France. This year, there are 2,300. If the level of demand becomes too great, there will be no more finishes. That's where we are.

Gilbert did not put all the blame on the route on the UCI, though, saying the teams that scouted it before the race should have let know organizers about its dangers.

One of Gilbert's teammates at the Lotto-Soudal team, ace sprinter Caleb Ewan, fell near the finish line as he contested the sprint and was forced to abandon with a broken collarbone.

Two top contenders for the yellow jersey – last year's runner-up, Primoz Roglic, and 2018 champion Geraint Thomas — were involved in crashes on Monday, losing ground to their main rivals. But they fell on straight roads with no major difficulty and did not blame organizers. Saturday's opening stage was marred by two big pileups, one caused by a spectator holding a cardboard sign in the way of the peloton.

Calling for changes in the sport without offering solutions, veteran Groupama-FDJ sports director Marc Madiot called on all stakeholders to take their responsibilities "because if we don't do it, we will have deaths and I don't want to phone the family of the rider who will be in hospital forever. That's not worthy of our sport."

The last rider to die on the Tour was Fabio Casartelli, an Italian on the then-Motorola team of Lance Armstrong who crashed on the descent of the Portet d'Aspet pass in 1995. Many serious crashes have continued to mar the race since.

## **UK Policeman Sentenced To 8 Years For** Football Star's Killing

Agencies

LONDON: A British police officer was sentenced Tuesday to eight years in prison for the killing of Dalian Atkinson, a former professional ing Tasered and kicked in the head.

Benjamin Monk was cleared of murder but convicted of manslaughter after jurors heard he left bootlace imprints on Atkinson's forehead.

Monk, 43, claimed he acted in lawful self-defense as officers tried to subdue former Aston Villa star Atkinson, 48, during an altercation in August 2016. Police were called to Atkinson's home in Telford, central England after neighbours reported disturbances. Monk told the court he had been afraid for his life after Atkinson, who appeared to be having a

mental health crisis, made threats and smashed a glass door pane.

Prosecutors said Monk used a stun gun for 33 seconds against Atkinson — more than six times longer than was standard -- and kicked the soccer player at least twice in the head.

Atkinson died in the hospital around an hour after the incident.

It is extremely rare for police in Britain to be convicted of manslaughter or murder over deaths in custody or during contact with the public.

According to the charity Inquest, which supports the bereaved in cases of deaths involving the state, the last such conviction was in 1986. The group said Monk's conviction is believed to be the first time a British police officer has been found guilty of the manslaughter of a Black man.

## **Kyle Jamieson Hid In Bathroom To Escape Tension Of New Zealand's WTC Final Run Chase**

**Press Trust of India** 

LONDON: The tension and nervousness caused during New Zealand's run chase on the final day of the Word Test Championship title clash against India forced their star pacer Kyle Jamieson to hide inside the bathroom.

Jamieson, who was the Man of the Match for his seven wickets in the final, felt nervous while watching the action from the dressing room.

"It was probably the toughest period of cricket I've been a part of, in terms of watching," Jamieson told Country Sport Breakfast on

"We were sitting inside and actually watching on TV. There was a bit of a delay but it seemed like every ball the Indian crowd was up and about and I was like 'jeez it's a wicket' or something like that, but it turned out it was just a block or

a single. Eventually, captain Kane Williamson and Ross Taylor got the team home rather comfortably while chasing 139 for a win.

"It was pretty tough to watch. I actually tried to at times to go to



the bathroom where there was no noise to just get away from it for a while because it was quite nerve-

"But it was nice to have Kane and Ross out there, two of our greatest ever batters really to calm the nerves and finish the job the way they did,"

said the lanky pacer. Jamieson did not get enough time to celebrated as he was back in the field with 48 hours of the final, this time for his county side Surrey.

"It was a quick turnaround. I think within 48 hours I was back on the park playing T20 for Surrey. bit. But it's nice to stay on and to experience county cricket for the next few weeks.

"It was certainly tough to say goodbye to those guys (NZ teammates). Coming off a high of what we just experienced and that moment we all enjoyed together, to go and say goodbye was quite tough.'

Jamieson had India and his skipper at Royal Challengers Bangalore, Virat Kohli, dismissed twice in the final. The pacer is feeling a little bit homesick after being away for close to three months.

"It's been about three months and will be about just over four months by the time I get out of MIQ (managed isolation and quarantine). It's been a long time and I've certainly loved my time at home. So it's been tough at times but I guess it's been the environment we're in.

"Look, I'm pretty fortunate to be able to still have our jobs and to be able to go around the world and work. I'm pretty grateful for that but I'm looking forward to getting home in a few weeks'

## De Boer Quits As Netherlands Coach After Euro 2020 Exit

THE HAGUE: Frank de Boer quit as coach of the Netherlands on Tuesday following the team's elimination from the European Championship.

The Dutch lost to the Czech Republic 2-0 on Sunday in the round of 16 after winning their first three group matches at Euro 2020. De Boer and the Dutch soccer federation had set a goal of reaching at least the quarterfinals.

"I have decided not to continue as national coach," De Boer said in a statement released by the federation. "The goal was not reached, that is clear.'

De Boer faced fierce criticism after the loss to the Czechs because of his decision to abandon the traditional Dutch formation of four defenders, three midfielders and three forwards.

De Boer had only been in the job since September. He took over from Ronald Koeman after he left to ioin Barcelona.

De Boer said pressure on him since the loss had increased "and that is not a healthy situation for me or the squad" as it prepares to resume qualifying for next year's



World Cup. The Netherlands will play at Norway on Sept. 1 in Oslo. De Boer was appointed to the

Dutch job about two months after he left Atlanta United following a poor re-start to the MLS season. with the team losing all three of its group games at the MLS Is Back tournament in Florida.

De Boer had a successful start to his management career at Ajax, winning four straight league titles from 2011-14.

But he was fired in 2016 after only 85 days in charge of Inter Milan and lasted just 10 weeks at Crystal Palace in 2017 before being ousted after the team lost its first four Premier League games without scoring a goal.

No replacement was immediately announced for De Boer.



Soldiers stand outside the house damaged during overnight encounter with militants in Maloora area of Srnagar on Tuesday. KO Photo

## **Ganderbal Village Residents Protest Over Shortage Of Drinking Water**



**Observer News Service** 

**GANDERBAL:** The residents of Kassana Pati Hariganiwan of Central Kashmir's Ganderbal district on Tuesday held a protest against the water scarcity in their area and blocked the traffic on the busy Srinagar-Leh highway.

A large number of people carrying buckets assembled and blocked the national highway at Hariganiwan.

The protesters were raising slogans against the Jal-Shakti department for failing to provide uninterrupted water supply to their area.

We are without water for the last several days and are forced to drink contaminated water. There are apprehensions of the outbreak of water-borne diseases," a lady protester said.

Locals requested higherups to look into the matter at the earliest so that they can heave a sigh of relief.

Later officials reached the spot and pacified the protestors by assuring them that their problem will be taken up with concerned authorities for redressal. (Agencies)

## **Female Health Worker Commits Suicide In Budgam**



**Observer News Service** 

**BUDGAM:** A female health worker allegedly committed suicide by consuming some poisonous substance at her home in Dalipora area of Nagam in Central Kashmir's Budgam district Monday evening.

Officials said that a woman (name withheld), a health worker at PHC Hufroo Chadoora, consumed some poisonous substance at her home last night.

He said that the woman was immediately rushed to a nearby hospital where from she was shifted to Srinagar hospital, however, she died on the way.

Meanwhile, police has started investigation into the matter.

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## **Arrested Militant**

was a specific input about militants carrying an attack on highways. Keeping in view the seriousness of the input, few joint checkposts of JK Police and CRPF were placed along the highway, he said.

"On Parimpora naka (checkpost), a vehicle was stopped and their identity was asked. The person sitting at the back seat tried to open his bag and took out a grenade. The police party swiftly swung into action and grabbed the person sitting at the back seat. Both the driver and the person sitting at the back seat were taken into police custody. After taking off his mask, it was identified that he was militant Abrar, a top LeT commander," the spokesman said.

He said a pistol and some hand grenades were recovered from Abrar's

From there, Abrar was taken to the house to recover the weapon (AK 47 rifle) after cordoning off the suspect's house, the spokesman said, adding that the party was entering the house when one of his associates, a Pakistani militant hiding inside the premises, fired at the party.

In the initial round of fire, 3 CRPF personnel, including an Assistant Commandant Satender Kumar of CRPF 21 battalion was injured and Abrar accompanying the search party also got wounded, the spokesman said.

The force was strengthened and they retaliated with heavy firing, he

"In the ensuing gunfire, the foreign militant who fired from inside the house got neutralised and Abrar also got killed. Two AK-47 rifles along with ammunitions were recovered from the site." he added.

The spokesman said Abrar was involved in several killings of forces

### **Security Up Around**

have been put on a high alert.

The top security officials including the GoC 15 Corps and Kumar have reviewed the drone threat. "It's a new security challenge," Kumar said, "We will deal with it technically."

Deployment of security forces has been heightened at vital installations. "Details of that can't be shared," he

On June 28, payloads of more than two kg each in improvised explosive devices (IEDs) fitted with impact charges were dropped on the Indian Air Force Station in Jammu.

"The security guards heard two blast like sounds followed at an interval of five to six minutes. It is suspected drones dropped their payload and went back," a security officer told The Wire.

Meanwhile, speaking about the increased militant attacks in the Kashmir valley, particularly in Srinagar, Kumar said that the killings are aimed at creating fear psychosis to disrupt the ongoing tourist season.

Late Sunday evening a special police officer (SPO), his wife and daughter were killed at Hariparigam, Awantipora

A police official said that two attackers involved in the attacked have been identified and both belong to proscribed militant outfit Jaish-e-Muhammad.

He said that two Jaish militants carried out the attack killing an SPO Fayaz Ahmed, his wife and daughter.

The IGP Kashmir said that militants are targeting innocent civilians and unarmed policemen. He said that the department cannot stop the policemen from going home on leave. "They are from this place and have a right to visit their families.'

On June 22, last Tuesday, unidentified militants killed a police officer of CID wing at Kanipora in the outskirts of Srinagar city. Pervaiz Ahmad Dar was posted at Parimpora police station in the Srinagar city and was a resident of Kanipora where he had gone out at the time of the attack.

A day later on Wednesday, militants killed a youth in Habba Kadal locality of the capital city.

He was identified as Umar Ahmad, 25, and was a mobile shop owner by profession.

Militant outfit TRF, that police says is a Front of Lashkar, claimed responsibility of the attack and said the shopkeeper was an alleged police informer. On June 26, three civilians were

injured in a grenade attack by militants on security forces in Srinagar's Barbarshah area. Meanwhile, Kumar said that that two Lashkar-e-Toiba militants were

killed in a gunfight in Maloora area on the outskirts of Srinagar city. On Monday, the police said that it arrested a militant and on Tuesday

morning, claimed that the militant was killed in the gunfight. In a statement police said that at a Naka on Kashmir highway in the Srinagar outskirts, on Monday, a vehi-

cle was stopped and the identity of the

people in the vehicle was asked. "The person sitting at the back seat tried to open his bag and took out a grenade. The Naka party swiftly swung into action and grabbed the person sitting at the back seat. Both the driver and the person sitting at the back seat were taken into police station where after taking off his mask it was identi fied that he was militant Abrar a top

LeT Commander." The statement said that the apprehended militant was put to joint interrogation by JKP, CRPF and Army.

'On sustained interrogation by the ioint teams of JKP, CRPF & Army he disclosed that he had kept his AK-47 rifle in a house located at Maloora. There after he was taken to that house to recover the weapon after laying proper cordon of suspected house. When the party was entering the house to recover the alleged weapon, one of his associate, a Pakistani militant (about whom he didn't disclose anything) hiding inside the house fired on the party. In the initial firefight 3 CRPF personnel got injured and Abrar accompanying the search party got hit."

Kumar said that in the ensuing gun fire foreign militant who fired from inside the house was killed and Abrar

also got killed. Pertinently, soon after the arrest of Abrar, a video purportedly shot by a security forces personnel went viral on social media in which Abrar was seen being captured.

When asked about the violation of SOP about taking Abrar to the site, the IGP said that it is a "professional

The IGP said that Abrar was wanted in the Lawaypora shootout case where he along with another militant Khursheed Mir had killed three CRPF men in March this year.

"Khursheed Mir was killed in the recent Sopore gunfight and the rifle he had snatched from the slain CRPF man was also recovered from him. TRF militant outfit had released a video in which Khursheed was shown snatching the weapon and firing at the CRPF men and Lawaypora," the IGP said.

He said the killing of Abrar and another foreign militant is a big success for the forces. "While arresting Abrar, joint teams had recovered a pistol and a grenade," Kumar said.

Asked whether Lashkar has its active men in Srinagar, the IGP said that after "radicalisation and indoctrination". six youth from Srinagar joined militancy of which one was killed recently. "Five others are active and will be killed or arrested soon," he said, adding that there is a "network of sleeper cells" also active in Srinagar and efforts are

on to break that nexus soon."

### **NIA To Probe**

the drone attack on the Jammu air force station.

The decision to hand over the probe into the first-of-its-kind militant attack at the Indian Air Force station was taken by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

The investigation into the attack

on the Jammu air force station has been handed over to the NIA, a Home Ministry spokesperson said. In what was the first instance of Pakistan-based militants deploying drones to strike vital installations, two

bombs were dropped at the IAF station in Jammu in the early hours of Sunday, causing minor injuries to two airmen. The explosions took place around 1.40 am within six minutes of each other. The first blast ripped off the roof of a single-storey building at the technical area of the airport manned by the

the city. The second one was on the ground. The officials said the explosive material dropped by the drones might have been manufactured using a cocktail consisting of RDX, but a final con-

IAF in Satwari area on the outskirts of

firmation was still awaited. Investigators were yet to determine the flight path of the drones that dropped the bombs as they scanned the CCTV footage, including from cameras installed on the boundary walls of the airport. However, all the CCTV cameras focused on the roadside, the

The drones that dropped the explosives were either flown back across the border or to some other destination during the night, they suspect.

The aerial distance from the Jammu airport to the international border is

A day after the attack, the IAF station located at the Jammu airport on Monday continued to remain out of bounds for all but the probe teams including one from the NIA, which picked up every bit of evidence avail-

able on the ground.

## **PC Disowns Muzaffar**

on March 17 this year announcing Baig joining the party fold.

"It is with great pleasure we announce that one of the towering leaders of the state Mr. Muzaffar Hussein Baig is now a part of the party from where he started his political journey. It is a nostalgic and a proud moment for all of us," PC had posted on its official Twitter handle with a picture showing Lone shaking hands with former Deputy CM.

"He has a very long association with our family. He also started his political career with Peoples Conference. So, as a nephew, I along with my colleagues came to meet Baig Sahab and asked him for my right. He has given me the rights which I duly deserve," Lone told reporters outside Baig's Srinagar residence.

However, Imran Ansari said that Lone visited Baig's residence only after being sure and convinced that the wanted him to visit his residence and was looking forward to welcome him.

"Politics was discussed there and he was very thankful to PC for getting Safina Ji elected as DDC chairperson," Imran said.

He also claimed that PC helped Beigh's wife to become the DDC Chairperson from Baramulla, where his party has 3

Even though we had aspirations within our camp for the post of the chairmanship, but she came to me and requested me that we support her. We did not support her on any conditions otherwise she was a single member, how could she have become the chairperson. We felt she deserved a chance and was a good candidate," Imran said, as per a local news agency KNS.

The PC leader also claimed that Baig had expressed desire to go to the PM Modi's all party meeting in New Delhi with Sajad Lone and requested if the PC president can take him along.

"But at no point did we have any remotest idea about what he was going to speak inside and neither we had any idea about what we were going to speak inside," he said.

Baig reportedly argued at the meeting that the issue of the revocation of Article 370 should be left to the Apex Court as the matter was sub-judice. "As far as Article 370 is concerned, I said in the meeting that the matter is in the Supreme Court so let the Supreme Court decide on this issue", Baig told a private news channel in an interview after the meeting.

Meanwhile, Muzaffar Hussain Baig told Kashmir Observer that PC is his family but he has not joined the party as such. Reacting to Imran's claims, Baig said: "I was not invited to Delhi as a PC leader. Ex-Chief Ministers and ex-Deputy Chief Ministers were invited to the meeting. And heads of political parties. I was invited as Deputy Chief Minister. The BJP Dy CM's were also invited and allowed to speak."

"It was made very clear to me by PM's office that former Deputy Chief Ministers and the heads of political parties were invited. It is not that Sajad Lone took me there and I was not invited. I had received invitation in my own capacity," he added.

He further said that at the APM, only one person from each political party was allowed to speak.

"Farooq Abdullah spoke for NC. Omar was not called to speak. Only one person could speak for one political party," he said.

When asked if he is a part of PC, Baig said that he is not but could be anytime. "It depends on working out the arrangements and that takes time. Sajad Sahab had come here thrice. I made it very clear to him that if I join PC, which was my first political party; it will not be my desire, for any position in the government, if suppose PC becomes

part of the government," he said. A lawyer turned politician, Baig started his political career in late 1970s with the newly founded party by the late Abdul Gani Lone. However, his political stint came to a halt when he was appointed advocate general of J&K by the then Chief Minister Ghulam Mohammad Shah in 1983, who had floated Awami National Conference, after breaking ties with National Conference (NC), a party led by his brother-in-law Farooq Abdullah.

The 73-year-old politician was conferred the third-highest civilian award the Padma Bhushan by Modi-led BIP government in January last year, when most of the mainstream leaders, including his own party president and two other former Chief Ministers Farooq Abdullah and his son Omar were under detention.

In November last year, Baig, who cofounded PDP with Mufti Mohammad Sayed in 1999, resigned from the party over the seat sharing agreement with the constituents of the People's Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) for the district development council

(DDC) polls.

### **Safina Stares**

DDC members to discuss future strategy. Our leaders Sajad Gani Lone, Imran Reza Ansari, Syed Basharat Bukhari, Abdul Gani Vakil, Raja Ejaz Ali and Muhammad Abbas would take a final call on the matter," a senior party leader said.

He said the party's district leaders have conveyed to the top leadership that continuing support to Safina would be a political blunder.

Safina, who fought DDC election as an independent candidate, managed to become chairperson of DDC Baramulla with support of Peoples Conference, Apni Party and cross-voting by members of Peoples Alliance for Gupkar Declaration (PAGD) in her favour. In the 14-member Council, PC has three members, National Conference, Apni Party, Congress and Peoples Democratic Party have two members each and

#### three are independents-(KNO) **Panel Meeting Today**

its associate members such as Lok Sabha MPs from Jammu and Kashmir is likely to take place soon. The date for such a meeting will be firmed up on Wednesday.

Of the state's mainstream parties, the National Conference, which has won all the three Lok Sabha seats from the Kashmir Valley, had earlier decided to stay away from the proceedings of the commission contending that there was no need to redraw the constituencies at this stage

However, there are indications that the party is having a re-think and has recently authorised its president Farooq Abdullah to decide whether to participate in the deliberations of the commission.

The prime minister, during the June 24 meeting, had said the ongoing delimitation exercise in Jammu and Kashmir has to happen quickly so that polls can be held to install an elected government that gives strength to its development trajectory. In a series of tweets after a three-

nd-a-half-hour-long meeting with 14 political leaders of Jammu and Kashmir, the prime minister said, "Our priority is to strengthen grassroots democracy in JK. Delimitation has to happen at a quick pace so that polls can happen and JK gets an elected Government that gives strength to JK's development trajectory."

The delimitation exercise has attained an urgency amid indications that the Centre is keen to hold early assembly elections in Jammu and Kashmir

There is speculation that the polls could

be held in the next six to nine months. They said the delimitation commission will review the progress made so far, including the consultations held by it last week with all deputy commissioners of Jammu and Kashmir on restructuring of the existing assembly constituencies and carving out seven new seats early this month.

At the meeting with the deputy commissioners on June 23, inputs were gathered on how to make the assembly seats more geographically

The meeting to be held in the Election Commission (EC) on Wednesday will be chaired by Justice (retd) Ranjana Desai and attended by senior functionaries of the poll panel. The other members of the commission are the Chief Election Commissioner and Jammu and Kashmir's Chief Electoral Officer.

After the delimitation exercise, the number of assembly seats in Jammu and Kashmir will go up from 83 to 90.

Twenty-four seats of the Assembly continue to remain vacant as they fall under Pakistan-controlled Kashmir

### **LG Directs Officials**

an official spokesperson said. The meeting, he said, witnessed various important directions passed by the LG to the Administrative Secretaries and functionaries of the executing agencies for bringing in reforms by adopting an action-oriented approach for the timely completion of the projects.

While taking a project-wise thorough assessment, he said, the LG sought the present status of the projects from the concerned Administrative Secretaries, Chief Engineers and other senior officers of the executing agencies, who in turn briefed the chair about the progress achieved till date and the future course of action.

"We need to speed up the projects for the overall development of UT. There is no constraint of funds & resources and the government is committed to bridge the gap between rural and urban J&K. Complete projects on Mission Mode, especially those which are under execution for a long time while maintaining the quality of work," Sinha, as per the official spokesperson, directed the officers.

"Adhere to the timelines committed during the review meeting. Accelerate the pace of work, reduce unnecessarily extended timelines and mobilize resources to ensure that the public does not face inconvenience due to delays," he added.

The official spokesperson further said that the LG passed specific directions to prepone the timelines of some of the major projects so that the same can be completed at the earliest.

Prestigious projects under PMDP are imperative for the holistic development of I&K. The departments must coordinate with each other to remove the bottlenecks, if any, for their effective execution," Sinha said, as per official spokesperson.

He further said that the LG also reviewed the implementation of the directions passed during previous meetings and the execution of work in view of the commitments made thereof.

Taking note of the issues presented by the officers in the execution of some projects, he said that the LG asked for preparing a list of those issues which are needed to be flagged with the Government of India, besides submitting a separate set of issues to be taken up by the J&K Government.

The official spokesperson said that while taking stock of the road projects under the Package, the Lt Governor laid special emphasis on putting a dedicated focus on strengthening the road connectivity which is vital for the

economic development of any region. "Important road links like Ramban-Banihal road stretch needs special attention by the concerned agencies," Sinha said, as per official spokesperson. The LG, he said, also called for prioritizing the work as per the infrastructural requirements, particularly in health and educational projects.

"Stressing upon the optimum utilization of the developed infrastructure, the Lt Governor passed strict directions to the officers to ensure that the inaugurated infrastructural projects are being put to use to facilitate the people," he added.

Sushma Chauhan, Administrative Secretary, Planning, Development and Monitoring Department gave a detailed overview of the status of proj-

#### ects under PMDP. 'Govt Ready

fully ready for the possible third wave if it happens and that the oxygen capacity has been increased from

14000 LPMs to 55000 LPMs at present. "There is a prediction for the possible third wave. If God forbid it happens, we are ready to deal with it," he said while talking to reporters on the sidelines of a function at SKICC here.

On the oxygen capacity in J&K UT, he said when he took over, the UT had only 14000 LPM oxygen capacity which has been increased to 55000 LPM at present.

"Today, each Panchayat has five Covid beds for patients. More facilities will be given to Panchayats in the days ahead that includes Oxygen concentrators etc," he said

### **J&K Sees 308**

29 confirmed cases of mucormycosis (black fungus) in the Union Territory as no fresh case was reported since Monday evening.

# **Aim To Reduce The Gap Between** Women And Men Entrepreneurs: LG

Launches "HAUSLA- Inspiring Her Growth", A Comprehensive Programme For Catalysing Women Entrepreneurship

**KO NEWS DESK** 

SRINAGAR: In a historic effort aimed at harnessing the energy, enthusiasm, and exuberant dreams of the Women of Jammu & Kashmir, Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday launched the "HAUSLA- inspiring her growth", a comprehensive programme for Catalysing Women Entrepreneurship in the UT, here at SKICC Srinagar.

Terming the event as the beginning of a new era in women entrepreneurship, the Lt Governor said that women of Jammu and Kashmir are capable of achieving great heights in every field and history is replete with great women leaders from J&K.

"There is no field-political, social or economic in which the women of Jammu and Kashmir haven't earned accolades and prestige. The social status of women in the society of Jammu and Kashmir was much better than other parts of the country even several centuries ago", added the Lt Governor.

The intent of the innovative initiative is to empower Women as vital drivers of the overall development process in the UT by identifying & empowering Women Entrepreneurs as role models, providing them with markets, networks, training & continuous support and subsequently building an ecosystem to inspire other local women entrepreneurs.

Speaking on the significance of "Hausla". the Lt Governor said that program has been made in a very scientific way and the broad contours include targeting Women entrepreneurs of J&K already established in the field of self-employment, Creating a channel for educated women to explore their potential and subsequently chan- of J&K", maintained the Lt Governor.



nelize their business acumen, helping them overcome challenges related to finances, legal, societal biases by focusing on their innate potential. In addition, there shall be dissemination of knowledge about promotion policies of Governments for women entrepreneurs and providing access to enterprise education and training with focus on business development, besides linkages to women enterprise networks, associations, business premises and online marketplaces.

The Lt Governor said that the priority of the government is to reduce the gap between women and men entrepreneurs, in a systematic manner and to encourage women who are currently engaged in various professions, so that they too can become a part of 'Hausla' program.

"With the launch of "HAUSLA" a strong foundation has been set for the economic and social independence for our daughters and sisters. I am sure that a new eco-system of women entrepre-

neurs will be created in J&K", he added. "The vision of Industrialization and IT Transformation we are working on will enable women of J&K to run and develop their enterprises so that they become an integral part of the overall development

the government is continuously working on the "Three Pillars of Action" viz. Making women financially independent, Ensuring their maximum participation in leadership role, and Paying special attention to their health and socio-economic security.

"I believe that through skill and blended training under Hausla program the participation of Women can be increased in IT, Telemedicine, e-learning Business, Fashion Designing, Painting, Publishing, Handicrafts, Food Processing, and e-Commerce", he added.

He noted that with the right training, financial assistance and self-confidence, we can take revolutionary steps towards empowering women.

It was informed that under the leadership of JKTPO and in collaboration with Industry stakeholders and India SME Forum, a not-for-profit organization for Small & Medium Enterprises, the first batch of 'HAUSLA' 5-months program with 100 women entrepreneurs on board will start from July this year, giving wings to women entrepreneurs to fly higher, make their own identity in business and promote their products.

Referring to the "Time Use Survey Report" of the Central Govern-

The Lt Governor underscored that our country, despite the household chores, women, our Nari Shakti, are also the strong base of the economy.

> Emphasizing the need to bring women at par with men in ownership of business establishments, the Lt Governor said that there are some statistics which need to be changed. According to 6th Economic Survey, out of all the industrial establishments in the country, only 13.41% of the ownership is with women. Even in handicrafts and handloom establishments, in which women play the most important role, the percentage of ownership of women was 21.89%, compared to 77.74% for men.

> The Lt Governor said that the objective of 'Hausla Team' in collaboration with Jammu and Kashmir Administration and our Industry and India SME Forum under the leadership of JKTPO is to reduce the gap of women ownership in business establishments.

The Lt Governor highlighted the inspiring story of Ms Asma, Srinagarbased IT entrepreneur, who caters to local as well as global clients. He also informed Ms Zarka Tanzeel of Budgam, who is the first woman entrepreneur from Kashmir division to launch Sheen brand detergent powder and ment, the Lt Governor said that in became a role model for other girls.

For encouraging women for innovations in different fields from handicrafts to IT and making their products available in market, the Lt Governor directed the 'Mission Youth' and 'Hausla Team' and J&K Rural Livelihood Mission (RLM) to jointly start a program called "Champion for Innovation" as training module. Through this, obstacles being faced by our girls in innovation, in becoming entrepreneurs in technology, can also be studied and overcome.

The Lt Governor stressed on four basic mantras viz. Robust policy, Right channel, Active participation and Effective implementation for achieving greater results in all our plans.

"Today when the aspirations of the people have increased, especially when women want to move ahead in every field, then it is our responsibility to provide them with the right platform", observed the Lt Governor.

Baseer Khan, Advisor to Lieutenant Governor, while addressing the gathering termed the event as another milestone in J&K and maintained that it will usher in a new dawn of empowerment and socio-economic upliftment of women from J&K. He said that the 'Hausla' programme would not only skyrocket the local economy of the UT but will also generate employment avenues for the local population.

Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta, Chief Secretary, speaking on the occasion said that JK economy is changing rapidly and in next 5 years it will be doubled. He observed that the completion of projects like Jammu-Srinagar National Highway and the Railway line will give fillip to the economy of J&K. He said that women are as much partners in economic activities as their counterparts and there are no limits for women entrepreneurships.

## **Director Agriculture Stresses On Upholding Quality Standards Of Seed Testing Labs**

KO NEWS DESK

**SRINAGAR:** Director Agriculture Kashmir, Chowdhary Igbal today paid a surprise visit to the Seed testing Laboratory and Seed Pathologist Laboratory at Agriculture Complex Lalmandi, Srinagar.

Director inspected various sections of the laboratories and deliberated upon the officers to uphold the quality standards of working of labs with precision and accuracy for sustainable and remunerative agriculture.

Director Agriculture said that the department is relentlessly working in the direction to address the various issues being faced by the farming community regarding availability of quality seeds.

Director said that Seed Testing Labs are essential establishments in seed certification and seed quality control programmes. He said the role of the modern seed-testing laboratory is more than just germination tests. It allows a grower to reduce the chances of crop disease issues.

Earlier, the Director was briefed by the Seed Analyst, Farzana Tabasum that the Seed Testing Laboratory is one of its kind established in the State and the technology at the lab would help to detect seed quality. Moreover, this would benefit farmers while it will restrict the selling of fake seeds.

Besides other officers, the department Director was accompanied by Potato Development Officer Kashmir Wahid Ur Rahman.

#### Facebook Hits \$1 Trillion Value After **Judge Rejects Antitrust Complaints**

US judge on Monday dismissed federal and state antitrust complaints against Facebook Inc that sought to force the social media company to sell Instagram and WhatsApp, saying the federal complaint was "legally insufficient."

Facebook shares rose more than 4% after the ruling. The share price rise put Facebook's market capitalization over \$1 trillion for the first time.

The dismissal was the first big blow to state and federal lawsuits against Big Tech firms last year seeking to rein in alleged abuses of their massive market power.

Judge James Boasberg of the US District Court for the District of Columbia said the FTC failed to show that Facebook had monopoly power in the social-networking

market but said the FTC could file a new complaint by July 29.

He also dismissed a lawsuit by multiple US states, saying they waited too long to challenge the acquisitions of Instagram and WhatsApp in 2012 and 2014 respectively. The judge did not invite the states to refile their complaint.

A spokesperson for the New York Attorney General's office said it was considering our legal options.' Facebook had asked for the law-

suits to be dismissed. 'Legally insufficient'

Regarding the FTC lawsuit, the judge wrote: "Although the court does not agree with all of Facebook's contentions here, it ultimately concurs that the agency's complaint is legally insufficient and must therefore be dismissed.'

## "J&K Among Top 10 States, **UTs In Terms Of Food Security** And Nutrition"

**KO NEWS DESK** 

**SRINAGAR:** The Directorate of Economics and Statistics today celebrated Statistics Day in Jammu and Kashmir as part of all India programme to commemorate the contribution of Late Professor Prasanta Chandra Mahalanobis towards

Indian Statistical System. and Statistics, Jammu and Kash- and Programme Implementation mir, Principal, Statistical Training and National Statistical Institute. hool Jammu and Srinagar Chie Planning Officers and District Sta- Mahalanobis National Award in Offitistics and Evaluation Officers par- cial Statistics, 2021, Prof. P.C. Mahalaticipated virtually in the event.

The theme for this year's Statistics Day is Sustainable Development Competition, 2021were felicitated. Goal (SDG)-2 (End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture) which highlights the interdependence between food security, nutrition, land use transformation, productivity and sustainable agriculture. The aim of this goal is to ensure that everyone has ity data and develop new approaches access to adequate and good-quality food to lead a healthy life.

Pertinently, Jammu & Kashmir is cies for development activities.

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among top 10 states and UTs in terms of food security and nutrition and efforts are being made to further improve outreach of the programmes initiated by the government in this regard.

During the programme, presentations on theme of the Day were given by the known personalities in the field of Statistics from the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the Regional Director, Evaluation United Nations, Ministry of Statistics

Later the winners of Professor nobis National Award for Young Statistician, 2021 and Spot Essay writing

Pertinently, the "Statistics Day" is being celebrated every year with an aim to inspire statisticians, especially young researchers and planners, working in various fields of economic planning to accept new emerging challenges in the collection of qualfor its holistic appreciation aimed at helping the planners to frame poli-

## Come July 1, SBI To Levy Charges For Cash Withdrawal Beyond 4 **Transactions Per Month**

The country's largest lender SBI will levy charges for cash withdrawal beyond four free transactions in a month from customers holding the basic savings bank deposit (BSBD) accounts. These customers will also be levied charges for cheque book beyond 10 leaves in a year.

As per the revision in service es ranging from Rs 15 to Rs 75 for leaves or part thereof, SBI said. vices" with effect from July 1, 2021.

Non-financial transactions and transfer transactions will be free of owned lender. cost at branches, ATM, CDM (cash dispensing machines) for the BSBD account holders. SBI said it will charge Rs 15 plus

action at bank branches, SBI ATM or from other bank's ATMs beyond 4 free cash withdrawals.

beyond 4 free cash withdrawal transaction (including ATM and branch)," SBI said.

With respect to cheque book during 2015-20. **-PTI** 



services, first 10 cheque leaves will

be free of cost in a financial year. Thereafter, 10 leaf cheque book will be levied Rs 40 plus GST; 25 leaf cheque book at Rs 75 plus GST and charges for BSBD accounts, State emergency cheque book will attract Bank of India (SBI) will levy charg- a charge of Rs 50 plus GST for 10

> tomers are exempted (on cheque book services)," said the state-

BSBD accounts can be opened by any individual after valid KYC (know your customer) documentation.

Such accounts are primarily meant GST per cash withdrawal for trans- for poorer sections of society to encourage them to start saving without any burden of charges or fees.

According to a study revealed by "Charges will be recovered IIT-Bombay in April this year, SBI earned over Rs 300 crore by way of imposing service charges on nearly 12 crore BSBD account holders

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