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P6 THINK

## WHAT HAPPENED TO SRINAGAR'S WASTE TO ENERGY PROJECT ?

National Green Tribunal (NGT) in the past had made an observation in an open court that if Srinagar city is not made free from trash and solid waste all the trash be sent to Civil Secretariat,

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## CAN ECONOMICS KEEP UP?

When the sitar maestro Ravi Shankar and Nobel laureate economist Amartya Sen received the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award, a journalist is said to have asked them, "Between the two of you, who is the more talented?" Comparing musical...



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## AUTHORITIES VERIFYING, REGULATING MEDIA PERSONS OPERATING IN KUPWARA

The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Imam Din today convened a meeting, here to review the progress of data collection of media persons working in the..



Enthusiasm is common.  
Endurance is rare  
— Angela Duckworth

## NEWS DIGEST

### Rs 1.64 Cr Seized From Drug Peddler's Kin

**JAMMU:** Over Rs 1.64 crore was recovered during a joint search operation by the police and the Army in Rajouri district of Jammu and Kashmir on Tuesday, a senior police officer said. Senior Superintendent of Police, Rajouri, Sheema Nabi Qasba said ● [More On P10](#)

### Two Held For Taking Bribe

**SRINAGAR:** The Anti-Corruption Bureau on Tuesday arrested two officials of the Defence Accounts Department for demanding and accepting a bribe of Rs 5,000 for release of payment to a contractor. Riyaz Ahmad Wani, a multi-tasking staff officer, and senior accounts officer Hira Lal Dhar ● [More On P10](#)

### Man Arrested For Killing Brother

**JAMMU:** A man was arrested for allegedly killing his brother in Jammu and Kashmir's Reasi district, police said on Tuesday. Information was received at police post Tote Sahri that one Chamail Singh of Sarhi was stabbed to death by his brother Lehar Singh over a petty issue on Sunday night, they said. Subsequently, a case under ● [More On P10](#)

### Electric Shock Kills Youth

**SRINAGAR:** A youth from Hyderpora area died on Tuesday after receiving an electric shock in central Kashmir's Budgam district. Imtiyaz Ahmad Reshi of Hyderpora, an electrician by profession, was carrying out his work at a complex in Chadoora area of the district when he received an electric shock, reports said. Reshi, reports said, died on the spot due ● [More On P10](#)

# Mobile Internet Restored After 6 Days

## 'Regret Inconvenience Caused To Students In Studies': IGP Kashmir



Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The high speed mobile internet services were restored on Tuesday in twin districts of Srinagar and Budgam, six days after the facility was suspended after the death of iconic separatist leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani on Wednesday last.

The 4G internet services in Srinagar and Budgam was restored on Tuesday evening, a day after a ban on mobile internet was lifted from eight of the ten districts of the Valley. The decision to lift ban on mobile internet was taken by police after reviewing situation in the backdrop of Geelani's death.

"Mobile internet will be open in Srinagar & Budgam today by 7pm. Regret inconvenience

caused to students in studies," a police spokesperson quoted IGP Kashmir, Vijay Kumar as saying.

The restoration of mobile internet services come six days after authorities snapped communication lines, including voice calling and internet services on all cellular companies on Thursday, hours after Geelani passed away at his Hyderpora residence on Wednesday night.

While voice calling and fixed broadband services were restored on Saturday, mobile internet services remained snapped across all ten districts of the Valley till Monday evening.

Barring Srinagar and Budgam districts, the high speed mobile internet services were restored. Meanwhile, Director General of Police (DGP) ● [More On P10](#)

## Taliban Name New Govt In Kabul

Mullah Hasan Akhund To Head All Male Cabinet

Agencies

**KABUL:** The Taliban have named UN-sanctioned veteran Mullah Mohammad Hasan Akhund as the leader of Afghanistan's new government, while giving key positions to figures who dominated the 20-year battle against the US-led coalition and its allies. Chief spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid told a press conference on Tuesday that Taliban co-founder Abdul Ghani Baradar would be the deputy leader.

Mullah Yaqoob, the son of the Taliban founder and late supreme leader Mullah Omar, was named defence minister, while the position of interior minister was ● [More On P10](#)

## Mehbooba Placed Under House Arrest

Press Trust Of India

**SRINAGAR:** PDP president Mehbooba Mufti was put under house detention on Tuesday and she claimed that the decision of Jammu and Kashmir authorities to restrain her movement had "exposed the government's claims of normalcy".

She also hit out at the Centre alleging that while the government was expressing concern for the rights of the people in Afghanistan, the same were being denied to Kashmiris.

"I've been placed under house arrest today because according ● [More On P10](#)

# LG Launches Portal To Help KPs Reclaim Properties

Press Trust Of India

**SRINAGAR:** Jammu and Kashmir Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha on Tuesday launched an online portal for time-bound redressal of grievances related to Kashmir migrants' immovable properties.

The Kashmir migrants can log in to <http://jkmi-grantrelief.nic.in/> or <http://kashmirmigrantsip.jk.gov.in> to submit their complaints, an official spokesman said.

The application filed on the portal will be disposed of in a fixed time frame under the Public Services Guarantee Act, 2011, by the revenue authorities under intimation to the applicant, he said.



"The competent authority (Deputy Commissioner) shall undertake survey/field verification of migrant properties and update all registers, within a period of 15 days and submit compliance report to the Divisional Commissioner, Kashmir," he added.

Speaking on the occasion, the Lt Governor said the initiative will put an end to the plight of the migrants including Hindus, Sikhs and Muslims, who have been suffering since 1990s.

"I met numerous delegations from across ● [More On P10](#)

## Panel Formed To Rename Edu Institutes After 'Martyrs'

Press Trust Of India

**JAMMU:** The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Tuesday set up a high-power committee for renaming government educational institutions and roads after martyrs and eminent personalities, officials said.

A seven-member committee has been set up for making recommendations on the representation and proposals for installation of statues and memorial plaques, naming of roads and buildings, Commissioner Secretary, General Administration Department (GAD), Manoj

Kumar Dwivedi said.

The panel would be headed by principal secretary home with administrative secretaries from department of rural development and panchayati raj institution, housing and urban development department, director general of police (DGP) CID J-K, general administration development department and secretary culture department and divisional commissioners of Kashmir and Jammu, he said.

The committee may co-opt ad-hoc members for any particular proposal and submit its recommendations for final decision ● [More On P10](#)

## Masrat Alam Is New Hurriyat Chairman

Press Trust Of India

**SRINAGAR:** Hardline faction of the Hurriyat Conference (Hurriyat G) has named incarcerated leader Masrat Alam as its chairman following the death of Syed Ali Shah Geelani last week.

In a statement issued to media on Tuesday, the hardline faction of the Hurriyat G said that the people of Jammu and Kashmir look up to the amalgam's leadership with great expectations.

Shabir Ahmad Shah and Ghulam Ahmad Gulzar were elected as vice chairmen.

The amalgam said the appointments were temporary till elections are ● [More On P10](#)

## J&K Logs 126 New Covid Cases

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** Jammu and Kashmir reported on Tuesday 126 fresh cases of novel coronavirus cases while 148 more virus infected patients have recovered during the last 24 hours in the Union Territory.

According to officials, Kashmir Valley reported 92 new cases of Covid while the remaining 34 were detected in the Jammu division on Tuesday, taking the total number of people infected since the outbreak of pandemic in J&K last year to 326159.

Giving district-wise details, the officials said that Srinagar reported 46 cases, Baramulla 20, Budgam 13, Pulwama 2, Kupwara 2, Bandipora 1, Ganderbal 1, Kulgam 6, Shopian 1, Jammu 4, Udhampur 2, Rajouri 2, Doda 7, Kishtwar 2, Ramban 1 and ● [More On P10](#)

# CS Directs JKRLM To Create 11000 Self Help Groups

Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** The Jammu and Kashmir administration on Tuesday directed the Rural Livelihood Mission to target the establishment of 11,000 self help groups in the current fiscal by ensuring social mobilization of approximately 2.50 lakh rural women.

The directions in this regard were passed by Chief Secretary; Dr. Arun Kumar Mehta on Tuesday while chairing a meeting to review the progress under various employment-generating schemes in Jammu and Kashmir, an official spokesperson said. Administrative Secretaries of departments of Housing & Urban Development, Labour & Employment, Industries &



Commerce, Social Welfare, besides Mission Director, JKRLM along with concerned officers participated in the meeting.

"It was informed that J&K Rural Livelihood Mission has formed 1,000 self-help groups and will facilitate constitution of another 3,000 SHGs by September end," the official spokesperson said.

Asserting that self-help groups have huge potential in

Jammu and Kashmir, he said, Mehta directed the JKRLM to target the establishment of 11,000 self help groups in the current fiscal by ensuring social mobilization of approximately 2.50 lakh rural women.

Mehta, he said, added that JKRLM was also asked to introduce institutional innovations and train the SHGs in the production of products suited to modern-day ● [More On P10](#)

## Only Full Autonomy To Fix J&K, Delhi Relations: Tarigami

Press Trust Of India

**SRINAGAR:** CPI(M) leader Mohammad Yousuf Tarigami on Tuesday said restoring democracy along with full autonomy and statehood to Jammu and Kashmir is the only way to put the relationship back on track between the erstwhile state and the Centre.

He said the central government undermined the Constitution by ending the special status guaranteed under Article 370 to Jammu and Kashmir

"Through the scrapping of Article 370 and bifurcating the state into two union territories, not only has the BJP government undermined the basic structure of the constitution but the relationship between Jammu and Kashmir and the union itself.

And the only way to put it



back on track is by immediately restoring democracy along with full autonomy and statehood to the erstwhile state of Jammu and Kashmir," Taigami said in a statement.

The Communist leader said the Permanent Residence Certificate issued by erstwhile state of J-K under Article 35A has now become ● [More On P10](#)

# Srinagar Going Green, But How Clean Is The City?

Farzana Bashir

Three years after the World Health Organisation (WHO) declared it as the 10th most polluted city in the world, Srinagar remains grappling with pollution, even as the Lieutenant Governor lately emphasized several measures being implemented by the government for transforming Srinagar into smart and eco-friendly city.

As per the new rankings, the summer capital of Jammu and Kashmir has been ranked 36th among the cleanest cities in India. For commoners—witness to the faded green city—these rankings are simply undoing the image of the place.

"Srinagar is literally going to dogs," said Dr. Ashraf Wani,

a physician specialist from Srinagar. "While the canines are all over the place, barking and biting us with impunity, administration is acting like sleeping over the falling quality of air, water and soil in Srinagar. Barring some public-private initiatives like Khusarsal restoration campaign, nothing much is visible on the ground."

Much of this concern is also stemming from the working style of the official cleaning agents.

"Without sounding grumpy, just look at the way these SMC workers clean the roads early in the morning when people, including patients, step out for the healthy walks. They create plumes of dust on streets in the name of sweeping and giving hard time to everyone.



It wasn't always this insensitive. Earlier, we had designated watermen — who would first

soak the streets before sweepers chipped in."

The reckless handling of

things is perhaps one of the reasons prompting many to question: How clean is Srinagar?

As per the 2018 WHO study, Srinagar had 113 micrograms per cubic metre of PM 2.5 concentration in the air — making it one of the dirtiest cities in the world.

While the state pollution body turned down this report, Prof. Shakeel Ramshoo, the earth sciences expert, said the study's findings are accurate.

Previously, a joint-study by Indian Institute of Tropical Meteorology (IITM) and University of Kashmir had found that on some days "the air pollution in Srinagar was worse than that in Delhi and as bad as Kolkata".

With the latest Swachh survey conducted in January 2020, piles of trash and garbage are being regularly dumped in Srinagar. For a million people living in the summer capital,

reportedly there're only 300 dustbins available.

However, to flip the image of the city bearing the brunt of pollution, LG Manoj Sinha recently launched the 'Polythene-Free Srinagar' campaign — urging citizens to eliminate the usage of single-use plastic to lessen its impact on the environment.

Notably, as per 2019 report of the Central Pollution Control Board, 34,367 tonnes of plastic waste is being collected every year in Jammu Kashmir and a sizeable portion is single-use polythene.

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nent resident of Shah Muskan, Moh Gousia , Omer Colony, Lal  
Bazar , Srinagar J&K 190011 do hereby split of name from Zaid  
Shafiq to Zaid as First name and Shah as Surname with immedi-  
ate effect. If anyone has any objection, kindly contact PSK Sri-  
nagar, Jammu and Kashmir 190001 within seven days from the  
date of publication of this notice. X

**Office Of The Assistant Regional  
Transport Officer Budgam Kashmir**  
**NOTICE**  
Whereas an application has been recieved from one. Shri : Moham-  
mad Sultan S/o: Ghulam Mohammad Dar R/o: Manz-  
pora Alawpora Khansahib Budgam owner of vehicle  
bearing Registration No: JK04F 5122 for cancellation  
of hire purchase agreement with M/S Mahindra & Ma-  
hindra Finance B/U Srinagar .  
Now therefore it is notified for the in-  
formation 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 .  
No. ARTO/ BUDGAM.3274  
Dated 07-09-2021  
Assistant Regional Transport officer  
Budgam Kashmir  
MCB

از نیات دیو لگام با اجلاس ایکزیکوٹو مجسٹریٹ درجہ اول۔ دیو لگام  
درخواست منجانب:۔ سید اصغر وسید باسط اولداس سید محمد حسین ساکنہ نگہ ماگام  
بغرض حصول ٹیک وارڈاریا RNA۔ رفلکٹ۔  
اشتیہار بمبراد آگاہی ہر خاص و عام۔  
معاملہ مندرجہ عنوان الصدر میں سالیان نے ایک درخواست بغرض حصول ٹیک وارڈاریا  
سرفلکٹ دفتر مذکور پیش کیا ہے جو کہ زیر کاروائی ہے۔ پٹاری حلقہ سے رپورٹ طلب کی  
گئی جس سے عیاں ہے کہ سالیان کا کہنے ذیل افراد ہیں۔  
نمبر شمار نام معہ ولدیت پیشہ عمر آمدنی  
۱۔ سید محمد حسین ولد سید شفیق مزدوری 48 سال 6,500/=  
۲۔ سید سید کینہ زوجہ سید محمد حسین گھریلو کام 45 سال  
۳۔ سید حفیدہ جان زوجہ سید محمد حسین زین تعلیم 24 سال  
۴۔ سید باسط ولد سید محمد حسین زین تعلیم 19 سال  
۵۔ سید اصغر حسین ولد سید محمد حسین زین تعلیم 21 سال  
۶۔ سید محمد عیرو ولد سید محمد حسین زین تعلیم 18 سال  
۷۔ سید عزیز حسین ولد سید محمد حسین زین تعلیم 16 سال  
سالیان کا کہنے 07 افراد پر مشتمل ہے۔ لہذا اس رفلکٹ اجراء کرنے میں اگر کسی شخص کو کوئی  
اعتراض ہوگا وہ اپنا اعتراض ایک ہفتہ کے اندر دوران دفتر یا اوقات میں اپنا اعتراض  
پیش کرے۔ معیار دکر رنے بعد کوئی بھی اعتراض قابل قبول نہیں ہوگا۔  
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نائب تحصیلدار۔

از نیات قلم ایاد  
مضمون کاغذات درخواست منجانب شہدائش ولد فیاض احمد ڈار ساکنہ آڈورہ بمبراد  
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**NAME CORRECTION**  
My name has Wrongly mentioned in school record As Saqiya  
instead of Sayiqa now it changing if any body have any objec-  
tion may contact to headmaster Govt boys middle school  
mankal with in seven days after that no objection will be  
accepted.  
Name:- Sayiqa bano  
D/O:- nowshad Ahmad Mir  
R/O:- mankal  
sult

GOVERNMENT OF JAMMU & KASHMIR  
**DIRECTORATE OF TRIBAL AFFAIRS J&K**  
JKPCC Building Ground Floor Panama Chowk, Jammu  
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Email ID: tribalfairsjk.nic@gmail.com  
Latest Information on ST Scholarship Year 2020-21  
The link for Account Validation/Updation has been forwarded to 267 Scheduled Tribe (ST) students on Registered Mobile  
Numbers (RMN) through National Scholarship Portal, but of which only 64 applicants have updated/revalidated their account num-  
bers on Portal under Post-Matric Scholarship for the year 2020-21.  
Through the medium of this notice it is informed that this Office has once again forwarded the link through NSP on Regis-  
tered Mobile Numbers to the remaining students for validating/updating their account numbers on National Scholarship Portal within  
a period of 15 days failing which there shall be no further extension in the matter.  
Sd/-  
Mukhtar Ahmad (JKAS),  
Director Tribal Affairs,  
J&K  
No: DTA/PMS/NSP/2021/2908-11 Dated: 06 -09-2021  
DIPK-7978/21

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Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir  
**Social Welfare Department Civil Secretariat, J&K.**  
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**Subject: Filling up of post of Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, J&K.**  
Applications are invited from eligible persons for appointment of Commissioner for Persons with Disabili-  
ties in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir in terms of Jammu and Kashmir Rights of Persons with Disabilities  
Rules, 2021 issued vide S.O 91 dated 15.03.2021. The application form, terms and conditions and eligibility/  
qualification etc for the said post is available with detailed advertisement, which is uploaded on the Depart-  
mental website www.jksocialwelfare.nic.in. The interested candidates may apply in the prescribed format to  
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(Sanjay Pandta)  
Under Secretary to the Government  
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## Conference On Rising Suicides And Drug Abuse Held

KO News Desk

Srinagar: A grand conference under the title 'Depression, Rising suicides and Drug abuse' was organized by Islamic Fraternity (IF) on Sunday at Jamia Masjid Rantang, Kawdara in Srinagar.

Noted Islamic scholar Athar Khan was chief guest on the occasion, while as, President Private Schools' Association of J&K (PSAJK), GN War, former Doctors Association Kashmir (DAK) president, Dr. Suhail Naik, Mou-lana Farooq Ahmad of Bazm e Tawheed and Yaqeen-ul-Haq Sikandar, a psychologist, were among the speakers who delivered speeches on drug abuse like worrying trends in Kashmir society.

Khan while referring to figures revealing spike in drug abuse cases, lamented the distressing trend in Kashmir. He said that these evils were alien to Kashmir society till recently.

He said that ups and downs are part of life and people should build capacities to deal with life-altering situations. Saying that cases of suicides in very less in Islam, he said that Muslims have strong belief system which stops them from taking extreme steps like suicides.

"A good practising Muslims will never ever commit a suicide because it is haram in Is-

lation in valley due to surge in suicide cases and manifold rise in drug abuse cases in Kashmir.

He further said that there is need to create counselling cells in schools to guide and counsel misguided youths towards straight and right path.

Aamir suspected a conspiracy behind sudden rise in drug abuse in society and warned people to remain vigilant and do not let the drugs eat up young generation of Kashmir. "Our young generation is being targeted with a well-thought plan by our enemies. We need to stand up and dismantle all these plans," Aamir said.

President Private Schools' Association of J&K (PSAJK), GN War, who also spoke on the occasion, said that there is a well-planned chain in place which makes sure supply of drugs to the customers.

**"We shouldn't rely on the government to end this menace but take initiatives ourselves at all levels to eradicate these evils from our society. The disturbing fact is that a huge chunk of students are turning into drug**



lam. Moreover, a ray of hope always remains alive and well present in Muslims which helps them to pass off hard times better than the people from other religions," he said.

Applauding the resilience of Kashmiri Muslims, he said that Indian Muslims live their lives watching struggling Kashmiris shining all over the world despite turbulent times, hardships and lack of resources.

"Every third Kashmiri I meet outside Kashmir is either enrolled for Phd at a university or planning to go for one. All the time it amazes me that how do they manage to do it. But every-time it feels heart-warming," Athar revealed.

He appealed Muslims in Kashmir to get connected with the Seerah of Prophet Muhammad (SAW) and Sahaabah and ponder- how as a human being Prophet Muhammad (SAW) and Sahaabah lived their lives.

President IF, Muhammad Aamir said that the conference was organized to create awareness about the worrisome situ-

**addicts. We need to identify those who are ruining our students in Kashmir," War said.**

While delivering a short speech on the above subject, former Doctors Association Kashmir (DAK) president, Dr. Suhail Naik revealed shocking details about drug abuse in Kashmir.

He said that a fair number of women are involved in consumption and supply of drugs in Kashmir. "Women and girls are being used or get involved in supply of drugs to the potential customers, which is another distressing sign in Kashmir," he said.

He suggested an iron-fist policy towards drug addiction and appealed people to not tolerate or normalise drug suppliers in their societies. "The irony and unfortunate part of our societies is that we garland drug suppliers with flowers only because he is rich. Ignoring the fact that they ruined our young generation," Naik said.

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## AAC Condoles Demise Of Its Leaders

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Awami Action Committee (AAC) Tuesday expressed grief over the demise of several leading and eminent personalities of Srinagar who were associated with the organisation, movement and the Mirwaiz Family.

The deceased personalities include late Moulvi Ghulam Rasool Shah, resident of Khan-gah-e-Sokhta Nawakdal, Zubair Manzoor Khan son of Manzoor Ahmad Khan, resident of Firdous Colony, Eidgah near Aali Masjid, Srinagar, Master Ali Muhammad Zargar, resident of Khanyar presently City Colony, Elahi Bagh Buchpura, the AAC said in a statement.

The AAC termed the demise of Ghulam Rasool Shah, who also served as Imam at the local Masjid for a long time, a big loss. It expressed condolence and sympathy with the deceased's son Ghulam Ahmad Shah and his grandson Dr. Showkat Ahmad Shah who is a renowned physician of Kashmir.

The organisation also extended condolences to Manzoor Ahmad Khan on the demise of his young son; and with Farooq Ahmad Zargar on the demise of his father Master Ali Muhammad Zargar who was a long-time and active member of the AAC.

The Awami Action Committee on behalf of its incarcerated head Mirwaiz Umar Farooq expressed condolences and solidarity with Shah family, Khan family and Zargar family, and paid tribute to them for their respective contribution towards the organisation. It also prayed for the forgiveness of the departed souls, their ascension to Jannat and patience for the bereaved family members.

Meanwhile, the AAC has expressed deep sorrow over the damage caused to the local Masjid and seminary in Akalmir, Khanyar due to a mysterious fire incident. It has appealed to people, especially the financially well-off ones, to generously contribute in reconstruction of the Masjid and seminary, for the sake of Allah.

## Masjid, Madrassa, Shops Damaged In Khanyar Blaze

KO News Desk

Srinagar: A mosque also housing a seminary besides several other shops were damaged in a blaze erupting this morning in Akalmir locality in Khanyar area of central-Kashmir's Srinagar district.



Eyewitnesses said that soon after the fire broke out, locals rushed to the spot bring the flames under control. However the raging flames could not controlled with limited resources available with them. The flames briskly spread, causing substantial damage to several structures, they said, as per news agency GNS.

The fire according to them dam-

aged the mosque, a seminary Madrasa Misba-ur-Rashid besides a residential house and several shops.

Alleging the F&ES of a sloppy approach, they said that despite timely intimation, the department reached late to the spot. "Had they reached on time, the damage could have

built of wood and congestion in space, it became difficult to contain the fire", the official said.

"Upper portion of a mosque and a residential house received damage in the mishap", he said adding the water used to douse off the flames may have caused damage to the shops."

been averted", they said.

Meanwhile Deputy Director Fire and Emergency Services Bashir Ahmad Shah said that it became somewhat difficult to contain the fire owing to its congestion besides the houses built of wood.

"We had sent some ten to twelve vehicles of fire squad for rescue, however with many houses mainly

Two members of our fire squad also received minor injuries, however all of them are out of danger, he said identifying the duo as Sajad Ahmad and Rafiq Ahmad.

When asked about the cause of fire, Deputy Director said that it primarily seems an accidental case and that they are ascertaining the actual cause of fire.

## Srinagar Admin Holds Sensitisation Workshop With Heads of Schools, Colleges

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The District Administration Srinagar/District Disaster Management Authority (DDMA) on Tuesday held a sensitization workshop session at Banquet Hall, here with the Heads of various Educational Institutions (Schools/colleges) to discuss Modus operandi for reopening of schools in Srinagar district.

The programme was held on the directions of the Deputy Commissioner Srinagar, Mohammad Aijaz Asad, who is also the Chairman DDMA Srinagar and was attended by Officers from District Administration including Sub Divisional Magistrate, East, Owais Mushtaq and Head Department of Community Medicine, Dr Rabbane Tariq besides, Principals/ Headmasters of all Government and Private Schools and Colleges.

During the interaction, the Sub Divisional Magistrate, East, Owais

Mushtaq sought suggestions from the heads of schools regarding the opening of schools. He said that it is prerequisite to follow all Covid-19 related guidelines and SoPs to open Educational Institutions in Srinagar to avoid spread of Covid Infection.

On the occasion, Dr Rabbane Tariq of Department of Community Medicine, GMC Srinagar threw light on the Covid related SOPs and Protocols to be adopted after opening of schools. It was told that Consent shall be obtained from the parents of all students who are willing to attend school. The school premises, Transport vehicles, toilets and class rooms should be thoroughly cleaned and sanitised. The thrust was also laid on ensuring social distancing/ physical distancing in the schools particularly at entry and exit points. Further, it was informed that display Signages and necessary Markings for enforcing Social Distancing and Safety protocols be ensured

besides, outdoor spaces be also used as much as possible to prevent spread of infection, while facility for proper screening/testing regarding Covid-19 must be made available at the entry of all the schools. It was said that the number of water supply taps/ toilet facilities needs to be increased in every school to avoid gathering and spreading infection. In addition School events, congregations, meetings etc. must be avoided till the situation with regard to Covid-19 improves. Pertinent to mention that, the Jammu and Kashmir administration on Sunday allowed re-opening of Higher Educational Institutions and schools for students of classes 10 and 12 with certain conditions. In an order issued after a review of the COVID-19 situation by the State Executive Committee (SEC) classes for students of 12th standard were permitted with in-person attendance not exceeding 50 per cent of capacity on a given day.

## Government of Jammu & Kashmir OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER, R & B DIVISION CHADURA

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### DASTI QUOTATION

**Subject:- Supply of Water Proof Tent, size 60'X40' approximately Pandal type, including installation, at Srinagar Airport & other ancillary items immediately.**

For & on-behalf of Lieutenant Governor, dasti quotations are hereby Invited from reputed suppliers / dealers for supply of following items:

- Water proof tent (Pandal Type) complete, including installation.
- Water proof Top Cover

The service charges for conducting of periodical maintenance (as & when required) shall also be quoted.

**The quotation should be addressed to Executive Engineer (R&B) Division Chadoora which must reach in his office on or before 11/09/2021 upto 2:00 PM or upto 2:00 PM of the next working day in case of last date for receipt of quotations is declared as Gazetted holiday or so. The quotation shall be opened on the same day in presence of the quotationers.**

The supply and installation of pandal shall have to be made within 24 hours at Srinagar Airport from the date of issue of allotment order for the same.

The rates quoted should be inclusive of all taxes, carriages loading unloading etc and no extra charges shall be paid on this account in any case.

The payment shall be made as and when funds for the same are made available to the Division by the competent authority.

All other terms and conditions shall be the same as laid in PWD Form 25 (double) and in vogue in the Division

No: 6910-14  
Dt: 06/09/2021

**DIPK-7984/21**

Executive Engineer  
PW (R&B) Division Chadoora

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### HIGHWAY STATUS



- Sgr-Jammu highway - (Open)
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## This Day in History

- 1689- China & Russia signs Treaty of Nertsjinsk (Nierchul)
- 1855- British and French troops capture Sevastopol from the Russians, effectively ending the Crimean War.
- 1870- Netherlands & Britain sign "Koelietraktaat" Br-Indian contract work in Suriname
- 1926- League of Nations Assembly voted unanimously to admit Germany
- 1944- 1st V-2 rockets land in London & Antwerp
- 1944- Russians march into Bulgaria; Bulgaria declares war on Germany
- 1945- US invades Japanese-held Korea
- 1945- Hideki Tojo, Japanese PM during most of WW II, attempts suicide rather than face war crimes tribunal attempt fails, later he is hanged
- 1946- Bulgaria ends monarchy
- 1951- Japan signs peace treaty with 48 countries (SF)
- 1958- Oman turns over Gwadar (on Baluchistan coast) to Pakistan
- 1959- The Asian Institute of Technology (AIT) is established.
- 1962- Chinese troops exceed Mac-Mahon-line (Tibet-India boundary)
- 1967- Surveyor 5 launched; makes soft landing on Moon Sept 10
- 1969 - Suleiman Maghrabi appointed premier of Libya
- 1975- Guinea-Bissau declares independence from Portugal
- 1978- Iranian army fires on Khomeini followers in Teheran,100s killed
- 1983- NASA launches RCA-6
- 1985- Shuttle Discovery flies back to Kennedy Space Center via Kelly AFB
- 1989- Mausoleum of Beatrice of Brabant (1288) discovered in Kortrijk, Belgium
- 1991- Macedonia votes for independence from Yugoslavia
- 1994- Last US, British & French troops leave West Berlin
- 1994- USAir Boeing 737 crashes at Pitts Airport, killing all 132 on board
- 2004- The NASA unmanned spacecraft Genesis crash-lands when its parachute fails to open.
- 2005 - Two EMERCON IL-76 aircraft land at a disaster aid staging area at Little Rock Air Force Base; the first time Russia has flown such a mission to North America.
- 2014- Haider al-Abadi becomes the 75th Prime Minister of Iraq
- 2015- Pope Francis announces moves to streamline the annulment process within the Catholic Church

## From KO Archives

## I Am Troubled By Kashmir : Clinton

Agencies

NEW DELHI: US President Bill Clinton said on Monday that the Kashmir dispute can only be resolved through restraint, renunciation of terrorism and "direct discussions" between Pakistan and India.

"I am troubled by the threat to peace posed by the Kashmir dispute," Clinton was quoted as having told the Hindustan Times Washington correspondent. "I continue to believe that there cannot be a solution to the Kashmir issue without direct discussions between India and Pakistan. For such discussions to take place, however, a climate of trust must be created through -sincere efforts to end violence."

Clinton praised Indian Prime Minister Atal Behari Vajpayee for staying open to talks with the Mujahideen. "In recent months, there have been some steps towards addressing the dispute, including the commendable initiative by the Indian government and the regrettably short-lived Hizbul Mujahideen cease-fire," said Clinton.

The US president said the structure of a settlement must be worked out by the parties involved. "It is not for the United States to determine what a resolution should look like. "What we can do is to encourage a peace process. We will continue to encourage resumption of a dialogue that will lead to a settlement that takes into account the wishes of the people of Kashmir, and to assist in that dialogue, if that is the desire of the parties."

Asked about a US role in resolution of the Kashmir dispute, Clinton said: "Our role is a simple one - to work with India and Pakistan for a resumption of a dialogue that will lead to a resolution of the dispute. We will continue to do this. We are willing to offer further assistance if both countries request it, but we are not mediators.

"My belief that nobody's goals in Kashmir will be achieved through violence does not pre-ordain any particular type of settlement for the dispute. What a solution looks like will be determined by the participants in the process of dialogue that brings peace to Kashmir," he added.

"India's leaders have the right to decide how they will deal with Pakistan. It is our view that a resumption of dialogue with Pakistan is in India's interest. You cannot change geography. We are encouraging all involved to work to create an atmosphere that will allow this to happen. This includes taking steps to bring about an end to violence."

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## Taliban Fire In Air To Disperse Anti-Pak Protests, Videos Capture The Panic

### Agencies

Taliban gunmen fired in the air on Tuesday to scatter protesters in the Afghan capital Kabul, witnesses said, as video showed scores scurrying to escape volleys of gunfire.

Hundreds of men and women shouting slogans such as "Long live the resistance" and "Death to Pakistan" marched in the streets to protest against the Taliban takeover. Neighbouring Pakistan has deep ties with the Taliban and has been accused of assisting the Islamist group's return to power - charges it denies.

"The Islamic government is

flights to leave, an organiser told Reuters, blaming the delay on the U.S. State Department. Blinken, holding talks in Qatar, a key interlocutor with the Taliban, said the problem was one of documents.

"My understanding is that the Taliban have not denied exit to anyone holding a valid document, but they have said those without valid documents, at this point, can't leave," he told reporters.

"Because all of these people are grouped together, that's meant that flights have not been allowed to go ... We are not aware of anyone being held on an aircraft, or any hostage-like situation."

AIRPORT RESTART



Afghan women shout slogans during an anti-Pakistan protest rally, near the Pakistan embassy in Kabul on September 7

shooting at our poor people," one panic-stricken woman on the street says over sounds of gunfire in a video clip shown on Iranian television news. There were no immediate reports of injuries, however. The Taliban's rapid advance across Afghanistan as U.S. forces pulled out last month triggered a scramble to leave by people fearing reprisals.

U.S.-led foreign forces evacuated about 124,000 foreigners and at-risk Afghans, but tens of thousands were left behind.

Secretary of State Antony Blinken said the United States was in contact with about 100 Americans who were still in Afghanistan.

About 1,000 people, including Americans, have been stuck in the northern city of Mazar-i-Sharif for days awaiting clearance for charter

At the same news conference, Qatari Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed bin Abdulrahman Al Thani said no deal had yet been reached with the Taliban on how Qatar and its partner Turkey could get Kabul airport running again.

"We hope in the next few days we can get to a level where the airport is up and running for passengers and for humanitarian aid as well," he said.

Turkey says it wants to provide security inside the airport to protect any Turkish staff and safeguard operations, but that the Taliban have insisted no foreign forces can be present.

On Monday, the Islamist militants claimed victory in the Panjshir valley, the last province holding out against it, and promised to name a government soon.

## Deity Is Owner Of Temple Land, Not Priest: Supreme Court

New Delhi: A priest cannot be treated as Bhumiswami (owner of land) and the deity is the owner of the land attached to a temple, the Supreme Court has ruled. A bench of Justices Hemant Gupta and A S Bopanna said the "Pujari", or priest, only holds the land for the purpose of management of the property of the temple.

"In the ownership column, the name of the deity alone is required to be mentioned, as the deity being a juristic person is the owner of the land. The occupation of the land is also by the deity which is carried out by the servant or the managers on behalf of the deity. Therefore, the name of the manager or that of the priest is not required to be mentioned in the column of occupier as well," the top court said on Monday.

It added that the law is clear on the distinction that the pujari is not a Kashtkar Mourushi, (tenant in cultivation) or a government lessee or an ordinary tenant of the maufi lands (land exempted from payment of revenue) but holds such

land on behalf of the Aukaf Department (relating to "Devasthan") for the purpose of management.

"The Pujari is only a grantee to manage the property of the deity and such grant can be reassumed if the Pujari fails to do the task assigned to him, ie, to offer prayers and manage the land. He cannot be thus treated as a Bhumiswami," the bench said.

"We do not find any mandate in any of the judgments to hold that the name of Pujari or manager is required to be mentioned in the revenue record," the bench said.

It said that the name of the Collector as manager cannot be recorded in respect of property vested in the deity as the Collector cannot be a manager of all temples unless it is a temple vested with the State.

The top court was hearing an appeal filed by Madhya Pradesh challenging an order of High Court which quashed two circulars issued by the state government under the MP Law Revenue Code, 1959 (Code).

## Deepening food crisis compounds Afghanistan's problems



Internally displaced Afghan families, who fled from Kunduz and Takhar province due to battles between Taliban and Afghan security forces, collect food in Kabul. (AFP/File Photo)

### Agencies

DUBAI: At the end of August, with the Taliban in control of most provinces of Afghanistan, UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres cautioned that the country's humanitarian and economic crises were getting worse, despite evacuation flights for civilians from Kabul airport coming to an end.

Expressing his concern over the situation and the threat of a total collapse in basic services, he said: "Now more than ever, Afghan children, women, and men need the support and solidarity of the international community."

As the UN chief, Guterres was right on the money. The combined effects of a severe drought, conflict and the COVID-19 pandemic have made even the simplest of preparations for winter in Afghanistan difficult for international aid organizations.

The UN has said that 18 million out of Afghanistan's population of 38 million are facing a humanitarian disaster, with the potential of another 18 million joining them.

A senior official of the UN World Food Program has told Arab News of the organization's concerns, just days after it appealed for money to purchase and "preposition" food for millions of Afghans before winter snows cut off access roads to them.

Mageed Yahia, the WFP's UAE country director and representative for the Gulf Cooperation Council region, said: "We need money urgently. As I speak, we need around \$200 million just to get us from September to December, or our pipeline will break. As early as October, our pipeline of wheat will run out."

He identified the funds crunch as the biggest challenge facing the program, the other ones being lack of security and stability, and the weather. He said even \$200 million was a "drop in the ocean" in comparison with the money required to cover actual needs. A WFP estimate has put the country's total food-funding requirements for this year at \$559 million. Yahia warned that if widespread hunger was not prevented in Afghanistan, it could lead to mass migration and more conflicts, the costs of which would dwarf the amount currently sought by the WFP.

"I think it is important to realize that the cost to the international community would be far less if the problem was tackled now instead of being allowed to grow out of control," he added.

Citing Syria as a cautionary tale, he pointed out that in 2015, when

the WFP ran out of funds in the war-torn Arab country, large numbers of people used rickety boats to cross the Mediterranean Sea and reach Europe.

In Afghanistan, the WFP has a staff of 300, including locals and foreign nationals, who operate from sub-offices in Kabul, Jalalabad, Faizabad, Mazar-e-Sharif, Kandahar, and Herat.

UN officials have said the turmoil in the country has not affected WFP operations and that all programs are running according to plan.

several months in advance. Yahia described the process as "winterization" - buying food from wherever it is available closest, be it in Pakistan, Kazakhstan, or even sometimes Afghanistan, then transporting it and, finally, stocking it."

So far, high summer temperatures have masked the hardships that lie ahead for the Afghan people in winter. Summer is the time of year when the WFP "prepositions" food stocks in warehouses and with communities throughout Afghanistan. The food is then distributed to needy people be-

## 'No Need To Rush': Turkey's 'Advice' To World On Recognising Taliban

Istanbul: Turkey said on Tuesday there was "no need to rush" in recognising the Taliban's rule in Afghanistan, adding that Ankara was still holding discussions about operating Kabul's strategic airport. In a wide-ranging television interview, Foreign Minister Mevlut Cavusoglu sounded a cautious note about Turkey's future relations with the fundamentalist group. He said Afghanistan's new government needed to be "inclusive", adding that women and a range of ethnic groups should be given ministerial posts. The Taliban on Monday claimed total control over Afghanistan, saying they had won the key battle for the Panjshir Valley, the last remaining holdout of resistance against their rule. But Cavusoglu said the international community should take a wait-and-see approach before recognising its rule, sounding a similar tone to one adopted by the European Union at a meeting last Friday.

"There is no need to rush," he said. "This is our advice to the entire world. We should act together with the international community."

Turkey has been holding talks with the Taliban in Kabul, where

The WFP said it remained "dedicated to maintaining its guiding principles of humanity, impartiality, neutrality, and operational independence."

At the same time, Yahia noted that "protection is being provided to WFP food convoys, buildings, and staff" in Afghanistan.

Before the arrival of Afghanistan's bitterly cold winter season, the WFP typically starts planning

fore access to them is cut off by the winter snows. But the hot summers were also to blame for what he said was Afghanistan's second-biggest drought in the past three years.

"We are talking about more than 40 percent of the country. Crops have been lost to this drought, leaving families with incomes that are not enough even to buy food," he added.

## India Provides Refuge To Former Afghan Governor, 4 Others: Report

### Agencies

New Delhi: In what appears to be course correction after the Rangina Kargar episode, India has allowed five Afghans, including a former provincial Governor of Afghanistan having a diplomatic passport into the country.

The decision comes days after India deported Afghan Member of Parliament Kargar, a move that invited criticism at home and diplomatic circles globally.

Dawood Kalakani," said the official, adding that since all flights to Afghanistan had been stopped from India, they all first went to Iran then Dubai and finally arrived in Delhi. The diplomatic/official passport facilitates visa-free travel under a reciprocal arrangement with India for 30 days.

On July 20, Rangina Kargar, member of the Wolesi Jirga where she represents the Faryab province had claimed that upon her arrival at the IGI Airport from Is-



According to a senior official, who confirmed that a week ago five people including a family all possessing Afghanistan diplomatic passports had arrived at the Indira Gandhi International Airport Delhi from Dubai. Their arrival was informed to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) and entry into the country cleared.

"A senior doctor with Afghanistan government arrived with his wife and two children and Samangan's governor Mohammad

tanbul on a Fly Dubai flight, she was not allowed to come outside the airport though she held a diplomatic passport. After the incident, a joint secretary-level officer in the Union Ministry of External Affairs had apologised to her for the incident and offered her an emergency visa. The official added that after Kargar's episode, instructions were issued regarding diplomatic passport holders and allowed them hassle-free entry to the country.

## Uzbekistan Removes Headscarf Ban In Schools To Boost Female Attendance

### Agence France-Presse

Tashkent: Uzbekistan will allow girls to wear headscarves in schools in a bid to ensure devout Muslim families send their daughters to school, the Central Asian country's Education Ministry said.

Islam is the dominant re-

ligion in Uzbekistan, but the authoritarian government is staunchly secular and has retained tight control over the faith in the three decades of independence from the Soviet Union. Education Minister Sherzod Shermatov said on September 4 that the authorities

"intend to allow national headscarves and skullcaps in white or light colours" in schools after "the appeals of many parents".

He said the move was necessary to ensure every child got a secular education.

Prototypes of the permitted headscarves presented by Shermatov suggested girls of school age would not be able to cover their chin as is the case



country in 2016 after the death of long-ruling autocrat Islam Karimov. Earlier this year, Uzbekistan amended its law on freedom of conscience to allow women to wear the hijab in public places -- though not in buildings housing state institutions, such as schools.

Other bans reversed following Karimov's death include a prohibition on children attending mosques and a ban on using loudspeakers for the call to prayer. The United States government in 2018 removed Uzbekistan's sanction-carrying designation as a "country of particular concern" for religious freedom and last year, took it off a "special watch list" of religious freedom offenders.

## Six Palestinians escape from high-security prison in Israel

### Agencies

Israeli forces have been searching for six Palestinian prisoners who managed to escape from a high-security facility in northern Israel early on Monday.

The prisoners escaped from the Gilboa prison, which is supposed to be one of Israel's most secured facilities. Such breakouts are extremely rare.

"Overnight, we received a number of reports about suspicious figures in agricultural fields and from the prison service, which discovered very quickly that prisoners were missing from their cells and that six escaped," police spokesman Eli Levy told Israeli Kan Radio.

Police, soldiers, and agents from Israel's powerful internal security agency Shin Bet joined the search effort, officials said. Sniffer dogs were deployed and checkpoints

set up in the area surrounding Gilboa.

The army said its forces were "prepared and deployed" in the occupied West Bank as part of the operation.

Local media reports said the men, who likely shared the same prison cell, escaped through a tunnel and appeared to have received some outside help. The tunnel appeared to have been dug from below a toilet in the cell, from which the prisoners crawled their way out of the facility.

The prisoners included Zakariye Zubeidi, 46, a former Fatah party leader in the northern West Bank city of Jenin, as well as five Palestinian Islamic Jihad members serving life sentences for involvement in attacks on Israelis during the Palestinian Intifada - or uprising - in the early 2000s.

The other detainees were identified as: Monadel Yacoub Nafe'at,

26, Yaqoub Qassem, Yaqoub Mahmoud Qadri, 49, Ayham Nayef Kamamji, 35, and Mahmoud Abdullah Ardah, 46. At least four men were serving life sentences, according to local media reports.

The men were believed to have been headed for Jenin, where the internationally recognised Palestinian Authority wields little control and where Palestinians in recent weeks have confronted Israeli forces - some of whom were from the police's Musta'ribeen - an undercover unit made up of Israelis disguised as Palestinians.

Qadura Fares, head of the Palestinian Prisoners' Club, described the brazen escape as a victory against the Israeli security system.

"We are happy with this escape. We have called a lot for the necessity of liberating all Palestinian prisoners. If the prisoners can free themselves, this is a great thing," Fares, who spent 18 years in pris-

on, told Al Jazeera.

Al Jazeera's Walid al-Omari, reporting from Ramallah, said Israeli authorities discovered the prisoners' escape at about 3:30am.

He said police launched a widespread search operation involving helicopters in towns and villages near the northern area of the West Bank, as well as an area bordering neighbouring Jordan.

The detainees could have escaped to Jenin, Jordan, or could be hiding out in the agricultural lands surrounding the prison, al-Omari added.

Hamas, the group that controls the Israeli-blockaded Gaza Strip, called the escape a "real defeat" for Israel's security system.

Islamic Jihad spokesman Dawood Shehab, described the breakout as a "heroic act" that was a "severe blow" to the Israeli army and Israel's entire "security apparatus".

## 3-year-old boy found after three days in Australian woods

CANBERRA: A three-year-old boy wearing a sweat shirt and diapers was found sitting in a creek and cupping water in his hands to drink on Monday, three days after he was lost in rugged Australian woodland.

Hundreds of people had been searching for Anthony AJ Elfalak, who has autism and is non-verbal, since he went missing from his family's remote rural property near the village of Putty, north of Sydney, late Friday morning.

The crew of a police helicopter spotted him sitting in shallow water in a creek bed late on Monday morning about 470 metres (1,540 feet) from his home, Police Superintendent Tracy Chapman said. He was in good condition but was taken to a hospital for observation, ambulance officers said. His father, Anthony Elfalak, said AJ had been bitten by ants, had diaper rash and suffered abrasions.

"It's a miracle," the father told reporters after he and his wife, Kelly Elfalak, were

reunited with their son.

"He's just clinging to mum. As soon as he heard his mum, he opened his eyes and looked at her and fell asleep," he said.

"AJ was found in an area that had been searched before. Police are assuming he spent the entire time in the woods," Chapman said.

His ability to find drinking water was a key factor in his survival because of the danger of dehydration, she said. Overnight temperatures in the area dipped as low as 6 degrees Celsius (43 degrees Fahrenheit).

AJ was kneeling in the creek when a State Emergency Service officer reached him and placed a hand on the boy's shoulder, SES Chief Inspector Simon Merrick said.

"The officer stated that he (AJ) turned towards him with a massive smile on his face that he will not forget," Merrick said.

The paramedic who examined AJ, Gerry Pyke, described him as a little survivor.



## Authorities Verifying, Regulating Media Persons Operating In Kupwara

Gives two day extension to facilitate journalists

Observer News Service

KUPWARA: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Kupwara, Imam Din today convened a meeting, here to review the progress of data collection of media persons working in the district.

The meeting was attended by SSP Kupwara Dr. G V Sundeeep and District Information Officer (DIO) Kupwara, Mohammad Yousuf Mir.

The DC was informed that the data of media persons working in the district is being collected as per devised proforma which was circulated in the media group and all media persons have been asked to submit required data by 4 PM today, positively.

On the occasion, the DC said that those media persons who

fail to submit the data shall not be allowed to work in the district to weed out the self-styled reporters, against whom allegations of exploitation are levelled in the district.

The DC, however, allowed a two day extension to facilitate the media persons, who could not submit their data today.

Now, as per the directions of Deputy Commissioner, the media persons working in Kupwara district are once again asked to submit their data by September 09 up to 2 PM, positively, after that there would be no relaxation.

The District Administration Kupwara has initiated a drive to check the authenticity of media persons working in the district, following the reports of allegations of black mailing and exploitation.

## NC Remembers Sheikh Abdullah On 39th Death Anniversary

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir National Conference on Tuesday paid tributes to party founder Sheikh Muhammad Abdullah on his 39th death anniversary.

While paying rich tributes to Sheikh, Party rank and file called him father figure and political colossus, who helped change Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh from a feudal and colonial society to a free, democratic and secular one.

An inspiring political pageant, the functionaries said throughout his chequered political career, Sheikh symbolized the aspirations of the Kashmiri people as no single individual could have even dreamt of doing. "Although rooted in Kashmir, he had attained a national standing with his name becoming synonymous in the minds of countrymen with the socialism, humanism, pluralism, and democracy," they said.

## Two Extortionists Arrested: Police

Observer News Service

Srinagar: Jammu and Kashmir Police on Tuesday claimed to have arrested two extortionists in Kulgam and Bandipora districts, who were involved in extorting money from gullible people.

Extorted cash and a knife was also recovered from their possession, a police spokesman said in a statement.

Police said that a case vide FIR number 205/2021 under relevant sections of law was registered in Police Station Kulgam and started investigation into the matter.

"A special investigating team led by SHO PS Kulgam under the supervision of DySP Hqrs Kulgam Ghulam Muhammad Bhat swung into action and arrested the accused and also recovered the extorted money from his possession. During questioning, the accused confessed about his involvement into the pre-planned crime. Further investigation of the case is in progress," police said.

Similarly in Bandipora, During the course of investigation, officers taking assistance of modern techniques and human leads were able to zero in one suspect Aejaz Ahmad Sheikh. Subsequently, he was arrested and during questioning he confessed his involvement in the commission of crime. On his disclosure, weapon of offence (knife) used in the commission of crime was also recovered. Further investigation into the matter is in progress.

## Bandipora Police Destroys Bhung In Sumbal

Observer News Service

Srinagar: The Jammu and Kashmir Police in Bandipora Tuesday launched an intensified mass destruction drive of Bhung and other narcotic cultivations in Trigam Sumbal and other adjoining areas. A police party destroyed Wild Bhung cultivation in Trigam Sumbal area and continued in near by villages also.

The locals of the Sumbal area have hailed the step carried out by Bandipora Police.

## Incarcerated Masarat Alam Named Geelani's Successor

Muhammad Raafi

Srinagar: Masarat Alam Bhat, who is in Tihar jail, was on Tuesday named the successor of Syed Ali Geelani in Hurriyat Conference (G) following the death of the nonagenarian leader last week.

In a statement issued to media on Tuesday, the faction of the Hurriyat claimed that the people of Jammu and Kashmir look up to the amalgam's leadership with great expectations. It said that Shabir Ahmad Shah and Ghulam Ahmad Gulzar have been elected as vice chairmen. The appointments are temporary till elections are held according to the Hurriyat constitution, the faction said.

Bhat, who was charge-sheeted by the National Investigation Agency (NIA) in October 2019, is at present lodged in the Tihar Jail.

Who Is Masarat?

On June 11, 2010, protests erupted in Downtown, the heart of Srinagar city against a fake encounter in Machil in northern Kashmir. In the days to come, protests erupted across the capital city throwing Kashmir into a simmering discontent for months to come.

Many expected the stone-throwing protests in Kashmir to die down as popular separatist leader Syed Ali Shah Geelani was put under detention. But, the protests not only continued but even gained vigour. In that period, it was Masarat Alam Bhat who spearheaded the protests in Srinagar by formulating the protest calendars.

Alam, who had been under detention since 2008, was released on June 8, 2010, only three days before the teenager, Tufail Mattoo, was killed after a tear gas canister was shot at him from a close range. The subsequent outcry over the death added momentum to Alam's political career.

cal career.

However, it was in 2008 that Alam emerged as a significant political force. His role in the unrest, triggered by the transfer of land to the Amarnath shrine board, put him into the public eye. Realising his newfound political clout, the authorities arrested him for 21 months.

Alam, an alumnus of Kashmir's posh missionary school Tyndale Biscoe, was first arrested in 1990 and was released more than a year later, in November 1991. He was detained for a second time in 1993 and kept in custody for more than four years and was released



in February 1997.

Few days after Mattoo's death, Alam went into hiding. On June 24, he announced a protest calendar from an undisclosed location, under the banner of "Quit Kashmir Movement."

Eventually, his role during the 2010 unrest made Alam a formidable separatist force. His sudden prominence forced the authorities to announce a bounty of Rs15 lakh on his head—and he became, for a time, the valley's "most wanted" separatist leader.

During 2010 unrest, at least 120 civilians were killed and hundreds

## Div Com Reviews Progress Of Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana

Observer News Service

SRINAGAR: The Divisional Commissioner Kashmir, Pandurang K Pole Tuesday reviewed the status and progress made under Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) in all the ten districts of Kashmir Division.

The meeting was attended by

He also took district wise review of the progress made and directed the DCs to utilize entire funds released for the said scheme before September 25th, 2021 so the other part of the funds will be provided by the Government of India.

The Div Com enjoined upon DCs to compare the data avail-



all the Deputy Commissioners through virtual mode while MD J&K Housing Board, Director Urban Local Bodies, Cluster Heads of J&K Bank attended physically.

During the meeting, the Div Com reviewed the physical status of work and the release of instalments in favour of beneficiaries selected after verification by the concerned department.

able with them to the uploaded one on the housing board's to match the figure. He directed them to compile the list of eligible, ineligible and untraceable beneficiaries and release the instalments which are due to the beneficiaries.

He also directed the DCs to issue the notices to those who have been given any instalment but

modation of protected person both PRLs and non-PRLs, in their respective districts.

The Div Com directed the DCs to upload the grievances of migrants on the migrant grievance portal regarding encroachment and rent and other issues, and also upload the action taken report of the redressal of grievances in a time bound manner.

## 100% Vaccinated Students Shall Report To Classes: Budgam Admin

RAT mandatory for students below 18 years

Observer News Service

BUDGAM: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Budgam, Shahbaz Ahmad Mirza Tuesday in his routine press briefing about COVID-19 status said that unless we follow Covid Appropriate Behaviour (CAB) and adhere to all SOPs there is every apprehension that positive cases may rise again.

The DC said that from the past few weeks we have been witnessing an increase in the number of cases in some areas resulting in designation of some new Micro containment zones. He said with the opening of educational institutions

from class 10th to 12th more precautions and safety measures are foremost needed.

Mirza once again appealed for 100 percent vaccination of all who fall in the age group of 18 to 44 years, particularly students shall ensure that they are vaccinated before entering classes. He added that students below the age of 18 shall have (RAT) mandatory in case they have to attend classes.

Regarding current status, the DC said presently there are 142 active positive cases in the district, recovery rate is 99 percent while positivity rate stands at 0.46 percent.

## District CAPEX Budget Reviewed at Kupwara

DC Fixes Timeline For Submission Of Estimates

Observer News Service

KUPWARA: A joint meeting of Officers and PRLs was Tuesday held at conference hall DC office Kupwara to review the progress of Implementation of District CAPEX Budget (DCB), 2021-22 of Kupwara district. The Chairman District Development Council (DDC), Kupwara, Irfan Sultan Panditpori chaired the meeting.

The Vice Chairman DDC, Haji Farooq Ahmad Mir, Deputy Commissioner Kupwara, Imam Din were also present in the meeting, besides, DDC Members, BDC Chairpersons and Officers.

The objective of the meeting was to review the pace of progress under District Capex Budget, speeding up of estimation of works, tendering and Administrative Approval.

Addressing the meeting the Chairman DDC stressed upon the officers to speed up the process of estimation of works so that execution of works could be taken up in hand and completed within the targeted time frame. He said the council members have got the mandate from the common people of the district and therefore have to work jointly for overall development of the district.

Speaking at the occasion, the Vice Chairman DDC said that they belong to a system as such are responsible to serve people in a better way. He stressed upon the engineers of the Rural Development department to speed up the estimation of the works.

The Deputy Commissioner Kup-

wara, Imam Din in his address said that the District Administration is here to remove the bottlenecks and resolve the problems confronting in the field, adding that all field functionaries should redouble their efforts to come up to the expectations of the PRLs.

He gave a timeline of 4 days to all AEEs and JEEs for submission of estimates directly to the Deputy Commissioner's Office for administrative approval so that tendering process could be started and works taken in hand on time.

He expressed his dismay over the poor performance of some officials and asked the controlling officers to fix the responsibility upon the officials who are found lazy in submission of estimates.

The Deputy Commissioner asked ACP to constitute various Standing Committees of Council members on behalf of the Chief Executive Officer so that the progress of the development works could be properly reviewed and monitored in the district.

Earlier, Joint Director Planning, Abdul Majeed gave a brief about the progress and informed that 5815 works are targeted for the current financial year under District Capex 2021-22. He said Rs. 56.78 crore have been expended till ending August 2021 against the released amount of 132.65 crore.

The concerned DDC members and BDC Chairpersons also spoke in the meeting and got information regarding estimates and other developmental works of their respective constituencies from the concerned officers.

## Blood Donation Camp In Yakmanpora On Sep 16

Observer News Service

Srinagar- Idara Islamic Library Imam Khamnaei (M.Z) Yakmanpora Singhpora in collaboration with Al Mustafa (SAW) Welfare Trust and Blood Bank is going to organize mega blood donation camp on 16 September at Yakmanpora area of Singhpora in north Kashmir's Baramulla district.

The camp will start at 10 am at public Park near Masjid Abu Talib (A.S).

Specialized medical team from SMHS Hospital Srinagar will look after the donors. Refreshment and certificates will be distributed to the respected donors.

There is a separate arrangement for female donors who will be looked after by female medical staff.

## Bandipora Students Appealed To Get Vaccinated

Observer News Service

BANDIPORA: The Deputy Commissioner (DC) Bandipora, Dr Owais Ahmad on Tuesday urged the students above the age of 18 years to get vaccinated immediately so that they can resume their classes and appear in upcoming exams as and when allowed by Government.

While briefing the media about covid situation in the district, Dr Owais said the class work may start soon in colleges and only vaccinated students shall be allowed to enter the college. He urged the students to get vaccinated as soon as possible so that they can resume their classes when allowed by the Government.

Dr Owais said 65 percent of the 18-44 years age group has been vaccinated so far and fifty thousand second doses have also been administered so far. He urged the left out persons to get vaccinated at earliest.

He said the people should come forward for vaccination voluntarily as it is absolutely safe. He said the health teams



are also going for a door to door vaccination campaign so that the whole population is covered.

The DC said the graph of Covid-19 cases is gradually going down and can further slip down if people continue to follow Covid Appropriate Behavior and ensure they are vaccinated at

earliest.

He said there are 28 active positive cases in the district as on date and only one patient out of these is in hospital isolation. He said the extensive sampling and subsequent isolation of positive cases helped to control the spread of virus in containment zones.

He said the graph can go down in coming days if people continue to follow CAB and get vaccinated as soon as possible. He said even if the vaccinated person contracts the virus, the symptoms are mild as compared to unvaccinated people. He urged the people to get vaccinated and those who have a pending second dose should go for a second dose at earliest.

Dr Owais appealed to people to adopt COVID Appropriate Behavior (CAB) to avoid spread of the virus and warned of strict action against violators. He said the CAB and SOPs are vital to prevent any spike in infections and cautioned against any complacency on part of the stakeholders so that the virus is kept at bay and its spread is curtailed further.

He appealed to the people not to lower guard and asked them to follow guidelines so that administration is not forced to take action against violators. He said the general public can report the violation of SOPs to the controlled rooms so that action can be taken against violators.

## Progress Of District Capex Plan, NABARD Works Reviewed In Jammu

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JAMMU: Deputy Commissioner, Anshul Garg today reviewed the ongoing/new works proposed under District Capex Budget plan 2021-22 including NABARD, DDC, BDC and PRI components.

At the outset, threadbare discussions were held about the status of works undertaken by PWD, Urban Development and Jal Shakti under UT/NABARD component, PHE and R&B under PRI component and PHE under DDC component to cater to the developmental needs of the district with focus on strengthening grassroots level democracy.

Regarding the status of NABARD funded works, the concerned official informed the chair that a total 38 works have been approved under PWD out of which 35 have been tendered, 28 allotted, 25 are under execution and 8 have been completed. It was also informed that under Jal Shakti mission

out of 47 works, 40 have been tendered, 33 allotted, 14 are under execution and 6 have been completed.

measures to accelerate the pace of ongoing works for their time-bound completion.

He also cautioned that any



It was further informed that out of 26 approved works under Urban Development, 19 have been tendered, 6 have been allotted, 5 are under execution and 5 stand completed.

Under DDC plan 2021-22, all 8 PHE works have been tendered and 2 allotted, while 20 PHE works and 30 R&B works have been approved under PRI plan.

Speaking on the occasion, the DC stressed on the concerned authorities to take all possible

kind of laxity in completing the works within the fixed time line will not be tolerated at all.

The Deputy Commissioner exhorted for mobilizing men and machinery for completing the projects in stipulated time frame besides urged to ensure productive and fruitful utilization of the available resources.

CPO Yoginder Katoch besides other senior officers of the concerned departments such as PWD, RDD, Jal Shakti were present in the meeting.



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### K O V I E W

## Wait and watch

Ever since the Taliban takeover of Kabul, the security agencies, media and the experts in India are apprehending the spillover of the Afghanistan violence into Kashmir. Reams of expert opinion published in newspapers, portals and also the discussions on primetime television are either predicting that the Taliban could be on their way to Kashmir or that the religious group would not do so this time around.

The Taliban, on their part, have not only tried to put up a moderate face but also distanced themselves from Kashmir - albeit, the group has said it would raise the issue of Muslims of Kashmir like that of Muslims elsewhere. The group has also been quick to make promises about women's rights and security. It has also announced granting amnesty to enemies and promised that the people would be allowed to leave Afghanistan safely if they wanted to. The government staff has also been asked to return to work. What is more, the Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid has assured that the group won't allow Afghan soil to be used against any other country.

Would these signals be enough to reassure the security agencies in India? Unlikely, when there have also been noises to the effect among the militant groups that the waning militancy in Kashmir be revived. Al Qaeda in its statement following the Taliban victory has called for "liberation" of Kashmir. There is no telling as yet how this fast changing situation would impact Kashmir. Over the last two years, Kashmir has witnessed a relative decline not only in militancy but also in the influx of the Pakistani militants. Pakistan, under what is believed to be pressure from the FATF which has sought urgent action by Pakistan against the terror funding infrastructure and the entities involved, has cracked down on the leaders of Kashmir centric militant groups like Lashkar and Jaish-e-Mohammad. Lashkar leaders like Hafiz Saeed and Zaki-ur-Rahman Lakhvi have been jailed. Similarly Jaish chief Masood Azhar and Hizbul Mujahideen supremo Syed Salahuddin have largely become conspicuous by their absence from the scene, more so, the former.

Would things change now? The opinion remains split over the possibility of this happening. Significantly, however, J&K Police seems on the side of those who see some spillover of Afghanistan violence in Kashmir. Inspector General of Police, Kashmir, Vijay Kumar has said it was his job to kill "whichever terrorist comes here."

The PDP president Mehbooba Mufti, on the other hand, has warned the centre that the Taliban victory was a lesson for it, She said that New Delhi could meet the same fate if it didn't "mend the mistake of snatching the J&K's identity illegally and unconstitutionally and splitting of J-K."

However, as of now, everything is in the realm of speculation. Things will become clear only when the Taliban settle down in power. The common refrain in Kashmir among the Kashmir experts is to wait and watch.

### OTHER OPINION

## Poison Ivy

The concern expressed by a bench of the Supreme Court headed by the Chief Justice of India about the communal content disseminated by some media outlets deserves a thorough introspection. The apex court bench was equally scathing about the absence of regulations for social media outlets which, the bench rightly pointed out, colluded with the powers that be and serve as the fount for a divisive, toxic agenda. India, a secular republic, is given a bad name by these institutions. The context for the Supreme Court's indignation must also be made clear. The wise judges were responding to a petition by the Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind that is seeking an injunction against mischievous segments of the fourth estate that had attributed the spread of the coronavirus pandemic to a religious function organized by the Tablighi Jamaat last year. A shrill, complicit media — sizeable sections of it — had joined the chorus to denounce, indeed demonize, India's largest minority community. The medieval witch-hunt at the time of a public health crisis was both unprecedented and morally untenable.

The points raised by the Supreme Court need to be taken further for examination. Unregulated social media platforms can, indeed, be a menace. Worryingly, in response, the Centre seems to be willing to tar every digital entity with its brush of intimidation — the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021 have been accused of infringing on media freedom. Moreover, regulation may not serve as an effective deterrent on every occasion. Several television channels — they are supposedly better regulated than entities on social media — were part of this chilling campaign of vilification against Muslims. The problem — crisis — therefore is deeper.

Telegraph India



Achan Landfill Site

# What Happened To Srinagar's Waste To Energy Project ?



Dr Raja Muzaffar Bhat

**The main challenge for managing solid waste in Srinagar or even Kashmir valley is the dearth of landfill sites. Srinagar city is surrounded by water-bodies and wetlands. There are not even 100 kanals of wasteland available where a new landfill site could be set up.**

National Green Tribunal (NGT) in the past had made an observation in an open court that if Srinagar city is not made free from trash and solid waste all the trash be sent to Civil Secretariat, Srinagar.

However, even now a huge population in areas like Eidgah, Wanganpora, Noorbagh, Zoonimar, Anchar and Soura are suffering as foul smell from landfill site continues to spread out with the air making their lives miserable.

On October 23rd 2017, Jammu & Kashmir cabinet gave a nod for setting up of a waste to energy plant in Srinagar. The plant which was to be constructed under the public private partnership (PPP) at Achan Saidapora landfill site is supposed to generate 5 megawatt of electricity on a daily basis from 5 metric tons of solid waste. The company which was allotted the project had to invest Rs 120 crores and would thus get the ownership rights of this plant for a period of 25 years. The whole project was based on the build-own-operate and transfer model (BOOT).

About 4 years back, the National Green Tribunal (NGT) passed an order directing the Chief Secretary of Jammu & Kashmir to ensure compliance to the cabinet order dated October 23rd 2017, on setting up of the waste to energy plant. The NGT which had been hearing the petition on Achan landfill site from 2013 onwards in the matter of Dr Irfan Ahmad and others v/s Nawang Rigzin Jora the then J&K Housing and Urban Development Minister in its order had said,

"We make it clear that we will not grant any further time on any ground whatsoever as it merely an administrative compliance now"

It is now almost 4 years, yet the order of the NGT and J&K cabinet has not been implemented.

It is the Housing and Urban Development Department (HUDD) which is solely responsible for not adhering to the cabinet order of 23rd October 2017. The department is also responsible for not respecting NGT's order followed by a Govt order.

The NGT came to the conclusion of directing J&K Government to set up waste to energy plant after several rounds of deliberations and discussions. NGT had constituted some expert committees for providing a solution to Srinagar's solid waste problem. If the government, like several waste management experts, had disagreements with the

waste to energy projects, why did the J&K cabinet give a nod to the NGT's direction?

Srinagar city is sitting on a literal volcano of waste. The existing landfill site at Achan is like a man made volcano which can explode any time as methane gas is getting accumulated under huge garbage cells. This landfill has been choked completely and SMC continues to dump 400 to 450 metric tons of municipal solid waste at the site on a regular basis. This is not only unscientific but also very dangerous.

The main challenge for managing solid waste in Srinagar or even Kashmir valley is the dearth of landfill sites. Srinagar city is surrounded by water-bodies and wetlands. There are not even 100 kanals of wasteland available where a new landfill site could be set up. We are not like Bhopal or Indore city where there is huge land availability. The municipal corporations in these cities indeed manage the waste scientifically by following MSW Rules 2016 but these cities have a great benefit of having huge landfill sites as well.

This is not the case with Kashmir valley, especially Srinagar city. The shrinking land area and lack of enough waste land in Kashmir is a big challenge and authorities are supposed to fully focus on managing and treating the waste on a daily basis instead of collecting and creating mountains of trash at the Achan landfill site and other towns like Magam, Sopore, Baramulla, Bandipora, Budgam, Kulgam etc. In Poonch, Rajouri, Udhampur and many other cities the situation with regard to managing municipal solid waste is equally terrible.

Back in 2017, the former Housing and Urban Development Minister Dr Nirmal Singh had acknowledged and raised the issue in the assembly as DC Srinagar had failed to identify a new landfill site for Srinagar.

#### Other Violators

Srinagar Municipal Corporation (SMC) has always been blamed for failing to manage the municipal solid waste in Srinagar. Media, civil society, and the public at large have been criticizing them for unscientific waste disposal. But there are many other Government agencies who are also to be blamed.

In April this year, the Irrigation & Flood Control department undertook de-silting of an irrigation canal that flows from Marwel

in Pampore to Bagh-e-Mehtab in Srinagar outskirts. The canal flows via Gopalpora, Kralpora and Mochwa localities of Srinagar outskirts. These areas are part of district Budgam but are located merely 8 to 9 kms from Srinagar city, and thus have become urbanized. The irrigation canal flowing through this area has, therefore, turned into a drain with a lot of solid and liquid waste in it along with a large amount of plastic waste as well.

For the last many years, local residents have been urging the Irrigation Department to clean up the canal but this was always being delayed. The local residents gave several memorandums to the Government. Experts had been advising that a nearby irrigation canal needs to be cleared of all the muck, silt and plastic waste. When the desilting work was taken up in Gopalpora to Mochwa via Kralpora around March-April this year, the Irrigation Department contractors dumped all the plastic waste and silt excavated from the canal on the Srinagar-Chadoora road.

The engineers didn't even reprimand the contractor for the unscientific work he was doing. It was only after locals protested and newspapers reported the matter that the Chief Engineer Irrigation Kashmir personally visited the area.

The unscientific waste is also being dumped by Lakes and Waterways Development Authority (LWDA) at Shalimar foreshore road. The waste is in fact biodegradable (weeds and semisolid waste) but the authority has not been able to process this organic waste into compost for the last many decades by outsourcing the work to some private agency. The newly appointed Vice Chairperson of the authority must take serious note of this.

The Irrigation and Flood control department should also follow Municipal Solid Waste Rules (MSW Rules 2016) while cleaning its canals in J&K.

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

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## Rote Learning: A Curse

Education is both a bay and an end in itself. Both memorization and observations are necessary. The former opens up the closed sections of the brain, while the latter is all about exposing an individual to the realities of life. However, all purpose gets lost when memorisation is taken to be education in toto. Infact, in the long run, cramming manipulates the fundamental purpose of education.

This malaise is not a product of only some years and has reasons that have brewed up to worsen the rot over the years. An outdated syllabi is

the very first issue to begin with. For decades, a child-centered curriculum has been pushed by experts in vain. We've continued preferring evaluation over real education. The result is that for the sake of so-called learning, students memorize things without understanding it. Furthermore, notes are prepared by a third-party which makes even the little good go.

This culture has imbued lethargy into students who now rely and depend on ready-made stuff. Instead of following the process of reading, comprehending and analysing; they jump to mindlessly cramming what

is typed out on a handout given to them. This trend is encouraged by the system itself as rote learning is seen as a sure shot way to fetch good grades.

This race for merit is also one of the main reasons that education is going downhill. Instead of felicitating innovative thinking, our system makes students compete in such a way that they'd only want good grades by hook or by crook. Creativity, experimentation and observation is never rewarded, as a result, we end up creating a mass of incompetent students.

Our society is to be blamed at

large for this. They've made themselves believe as though reading and writing is education. They are themselves oblivious to the beauty and real essence of education. In an unequal society, to find equality is education. Finding beauty in ugliness is education. This aspect of education is completely overlooked. When students need life skills and freedom to make their lives better and our world better, we force them into a rat race of nothing.

Syed Mustafa Ahmad  
and Syed Mehroosh



# Can Economics Keep Up?

KAUSHIK BASU

**“One does not have to read more theory to understand this; Franz Kafka’s The Trial offers chilling depictions of how evil can be perpetrated without a perpetrator. Another reason to return to theory now is that the ground is shifting beneath our feet. Mainstream economics has always relied on both explicit and implicit assumptions**

**N**EW YORK – When the sitar maestro Ravi Shankar and Nobel laureate economist Amartya Sen received the Bharat Ratna, India’s highest civilian award, a journalist is said to have asked them, “Between the two of you, who is the more talented?” Comparing musical and economic talent is in many ways meaningless. But Shankar offered an interesting response: “Teach me economics for a week and ask me to give a lecture; I will manage it without making a fool of myself. Now, teach my friend Amartya to play the sitar for a week and ask him to give a public performance....”

The story is probably apocryphal. Nonetheless, it highlights a distinctive feature of economics. In many academic disciplines, it is difficult for someone who lacks a reasonable command of the subject to give a lecture without embarrassment, even to a lay audience. Not so with economics. Generally speaking, the average layperson cannot easily tell the difference between good and bad economics, owing not least to the discipline’s broad range of content and disparate methodologies.

Economics has the virtue of accommodating those immersed in abstruse mathematics and axiomatic methods (Léon Walras, John Nash, and Kenneth Arrow) alongside those who delve into the world’s problems without recourse to symbols (Adam Smith, Thomas Schelling, and Gunnar Myrdal). But such a vast canvas tends to leave room for erroneous brushstrokes. And in deeply uncertain times like the present, when the world is being convulsed by the COVID-19 pandemic, climate change, and the digital revolution, it is easy to understand why many lay readers would grow exasperated with pronouncements from “economists.” How can the non-expert separate the wheat from the chaff?

This sense of disquiet should prompt introspection within the discipline. Even if the criticism is unjustified, a little self-examination cannot hurt. Indeed, I would argue that many mainstream economists fail to appreciate that apprehending reality and crafting sound policy cannot be purely a matter of data and empiricism. However carefully we collect, organize, and analyze our data, the insights we gain must be used in conjunction with common sense and intuition.

By the same token, someone who views his own forecasts as expressions of pure science is as dangerous as someone who is guided by superstition. There is no way to predict with certainty what will happen tomorrow. When speaking about the future, we have no other choice but to use our intuition to decide when we can extrapolate from past data and when we cannot. We hope that we as a species have evolved an intuition that is at least somewhat reliable.

An additional problem is that the necessary mix of hard science and intuition or judgment tends to differ across economic specialties. In some branches, such as auction design, economics is close to engineering, whereas in the areas of monetary and fiscal policy, it is heavily reliant on perception and judgment. When outsiders extrapolate from one branch’s performance to make inferences about another branch, errors can quickly pile up.



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Economics would not be the valuable and exciting discipline that it is today were it not for big theoretical insights like Smith’s seminal insight that order can emerge organically without the need for direction from prime ministers or the state (Leviathan). “It is not from the benevolence of the butcher, the brewer, or the baker, that we expect our dinner, but from their regard to their own interest,” Smith famously observed.

But a caveat is in order here. While Smith’s seminal observation was that the “invisible hand” can deliver order, the neoliberal view that the invisible hand always does so is a travesty. One does not have to read more theory to understand this; Franz Kafka’s The Trial offers chilling depictions of how evil can be perpetrated without a perpetrator.

Another reason to return to theory now is that the ground is shifting beneath our feet. Mainstream economics has always relied on both explicit and implicit assumptions. For example, textbooks tell us that the efficiency of trade and exchange depends on

individual preferences satisfying diminishing marginal utility, technology being convex, and so on. But they do not bother to mention that people also need to be able to communicate. That condition is taken for granted, as are many behavioral norms that are crucial for a market’s proper functioning.

But as technology advances and the environment changes, some implicit norms and assumptions will evolve, sometimes with devastating effects on the economy. In our world of social media and public pronouncements, the meaning of what we say is beginning to change. With globalization, we also have people with different norms operating in the same economy and market. Our theory is ill-equipped to analyze, let alone regulate, such markets. To understand these developments, we need the kind of major theoretical breakthroughs that brought the discipline to where it is today. I am not equating theory with mathematics. Neither Schelling’s prose nor Nobel laureate Elinor Ostrom’s research had much mathematics, but that didn’t stop them from grappling with some of the world’s most fundamental problems.

The risk economists face now is that the ground is shifting faster than our understanding. We must call on economics’ scientific imagination to rise to the challenge and examine not just the state of the world but the state of the discipline.

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## Children’s Concerns And Feelings Are Ignored In Back-To-School Planning

Juwaeria Siddiqui

**I**s the pandemic affecting children? We can only speculate because we are not asking them how the pandemic is affecting them.

We are choosing to view the pandemic-derived challenges surrounding childhood through an adult lens. In other words, we are re-inscribing western colonialist ideology on children, in the way we choose to understand their struggles and their need for education and socialization.

How we make decisions affecting children’s lives today is shaped by our social legacies. Can we change this narrative to consider the agency of children during the pandemic?

In the huge shuffle of lock downs, stay-at-home orders and travel bans, one constant issue has been the reopening of schools. Perhaps this could be considered a diligent consideration of children’s mental and physical well-being due to the lack of socialization and the relentless number of hours spent behind a screen.

I have been observing and writing about the social construction of childhood through my fieldwork with children, where I study their motivation to learn languages other than English.

### Prioritizing education

Since when has the education and socialization of a child been given so much emphasis that it has been placed above the mental health of that very child?

For a moment let us take the child back to their safe space, their homes, and assess how we have shifted their meaning of safety and comfort to virtual interaction and forced listening. Take a look at young children — and not their parents — required to attend six hours of schooling through a screen. We hear from parents about how hard it is for their families to balance school and working from home.

But have we thought about the child — their agency and choice when it comes to learning? As adults, we understand six hours of online school learning is way more challenging than in school



learning, yet we have enforced this transition on children without hearing from them. Despite knowing the challenges and despite the resistance from children, we have revisited — or rather, reinforced — the historical construction of children and their actual needs.

As children return to school, CBC looks at pandemic measures in place.

### Virtual isolation

In my fieldwork, I hear from children about their feelings in the pandemic. “I usually feel lazy by the fourth hour,” one five-year-old who was required to attend school from home during the pandemic. Another child who had just started school said: “School is fun with friends, I still cannot talk to my friends.”

When we think of how schools

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made a transition to a virtual environment, we usually think of the curriculum, the classroom engagement level and the quality of teaching and learning. It is all about re-creating the ultimate learning experience at home. Yet, the connection with other children — the ability to bond, share and have fun with peers — was removed.

The emotional well-being of children was rarely if at all considered in the process of transferring knowledge. How else do you justify six hours of online learning?

The focus has always been on the success of the economy and on producing a skill set that can lend to it.

Today’s public schools serve as institutional spaces where children, who once worked in factories, could now have something valuable to do while

their parents contributed to the economy. It serves as a way to keep children occupied while the adults take on economically productive tasks.

This notion is so deeply rooted in our ideologies of what education looks like and how it should be imparted that, even during a global crisis, public well-being is equated with economic well-being at the expense of a child. Our performance as a society is measured in terms of how quickly we can get them out of our common work spaces, to gain the preordained skill set, at the expense of the child’s well-being. If that means we intrude on their safe spaces, to educate them, we do! If that means we expect children as young as four to work on their devices as though they were young adults, we present that as modern-day schooling.

### Centering children

Do we truly believe, as an advanced society in the current world, the only way a child can be educated is by spending the same number of hours in school at home learning? Are we saying that while businesses and governments can run on reduced capacity, our educational curriculum cannot be reduced given the pandemic?

Asking questions like these brings the child to the centre of the conversation, which doesn’t happen unless there is an adult’s interest at stake. It all boils down to how we view the role of children traditionally and how we can continue to keep them in institutionalized school systems.

As we think about their return to school, children have no voice in asking for reduced school hours, lesser workloads or the option of attending school during a pandemic. We continue to push the boundaries around children’s education without addressing their concerns or recognizing their agency. Instead, we choose to force them to adjust to a system of education that has not been built to truly serve children’s interests.

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# Having a structured environment could benefit children’s health: Study

Agencies

According to new research from the University of Central Florida, having a structured environment, whether during school days or when stuck in quarantine as the COVID-19 pandemic continues, could benefit children's health.

The findings of the study were published in the journal 'Childhood Obesity'. In a study of more than 50 rural schoolchildren over the course of two weeks, researchers found that behaviours that lead to obesity -- like too much sedentary behaviour or screen time -- dropped on school days compared to non-school days, while amounts of activity increased.

The findings are important because more than 20 per cent of US children ages 6 to 11 are obese, which could lead to problems such as type 2 diabetes or other diseases, according to the US Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The researchers focused on rural children because they are at increased risk for obesity compared to their urban-dwelling counterparts.

Additionally, rural children's obesogenic behaviours have not been studied as much, said Keith Brazendale, an assistant professor in UCF's Department of Health Sciences and the study's lead author.

These behaviours can include low physical activity, poor diets, irregular sleep and excess screen and media time. The researchers used wristband accelerometers to compare the students' physical activity and sleep on school and non-school days in addition to diaries of daily activities, diet and screen time that

were recorded by the parents.

They found that children accumulated an average of 16 additional minutes of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity per day on school days compared to non-school days.

Furthermore, students reduced their average daily sedentary time by about an hour each day and their screen time by about an hour and a half each day on school days compared to non-school days.

In a separate study of a sub-sample of the rural children, the researchers found that rural children exhibited accelerated weight gain during five months of home quarantine due to the closure of schools and community-operated programs.

"This supports the benefit of attending schools and programs," Brazendale stated.

To combat obesogenic behaviours on non-school days or during quarantine, some sort of structured program or at least a structured schedule for children on those days is recommended, Brazendale said.

"It's not necessarily the program itself that always provides the direct benefit, but the presence of 'attending something' seems to shape behaviours outside of the program's operating hours and almost sets a default schedule for the day for the child, like when they wake up or go to bed, or when they eat," Brazendale added.

The researcher specialises in examining elementary school-aged children's obesogenic behaviours during different times of the year, especially those from low-income and minority populations.

His research and that of others suggest that children's behav-

iours are healthier when they have consistent routine and structure in their day-to-day lives, such as on school days compared to other times when a structure is not necessarily as present, such as in the summer or on weekends.

He said that even on rainy days or when it's not safe to go outside, organising a plan of activities -- even if they take place in the home -- can be a good way to keep children engaged in healthy consistent routines.

"This means may be having a very loose schedule that has time for children's snack, free play time, maybe some indoor exercises that don't require a lot of space such as aerobics, dancing to music, or even yoga," he said.

"I also encourage rule-setting around screen and media time, especially in the evening as bedtime approaches, as this can be beneficial for the child," he added.

The US Department of Health and Human Services recommends that children and adolescents ages 6 through 17 do 60 minutes or more of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity daily. Screen time should be limited to one to two hours a day, according to the CDC.

Study co-authors included UCF health sciences undergraduate students Michael Blankenship '21 and Serina Rayan '21, a Burnett Honors Scholar; biomedical sciences majors Daniel Eisenstein and Alejandra Rey '21. Jeanette Garcia and Cassie L. Odahowski, assistant professors in UCF's Department of Health Sciences; and Ana Leon, Professor Emerita in UCF's School of Social Work, were also co-authors on this project.

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Subject:- 253<sup>rd</sup> High Level Committee meeting of Circular Road Project Srinagar to be held on 11-09-2021 at 4.00PM in office chamber of the Divisional Commissioner, Kmr.

The owners/stake holders of below mentioned structures are requested through this notice to attend the 253<sup>rd</sup> HLC meeting for negotiations/ deliberations on the above mentioned date and venue.

Agenda Point No. 01:- Fresh cases

S.No.	Name of road/ scheme	Str. No.	Name of the party
1	Qammerwari Parimpora Road	R-1	Shabir Ahmad Dar S/o late Khazir Mohammad Dar R/o Qamarwari.
2		R-2	Ali Mohammad Hanji S/o Gh. Mohammad Hanji R/o Qamarwari.
3		R-3	Mst. Rubina Wd/o late Manzoor Ahmad Malla R/o Qamarwari.
4		R-4	Khurshed Ahmad Malla S/o late Gh. Qadir R/o Qamarwari.
5		R-5	Mohammad Asif Matta S/o Jalal-ud-din.
6		R-6	Bashir Ahmad Guree S/o Mohammad Sidiq Guree R/o Qamarwari.
7		R-7	1. Abdul Rashid Khanday S/o Gh. Nahi R/o Qamarwari. 2. Gulzar Ahmad Dagga S/o Gh. Qadir R/o Bemina.
8		R-09	Gul Mohammad Dar S/o Gh. Mohammad Dar R/o Qamarwari
9		R-10	Mohammad Yousuf Bhat S/o Mohammad Sultan Bhat R/o Arampora Qamarwari
10		R-11	Abdul Gani Khanday S/o Abdul Razaq Khanday R/o Qamarwari
11		R-12	Abdul Salam Khanday S/o late Gulam Ahmad R/o Qamarwari
12		R-13	Showkat Ahmad Malla S/o Abdul Ahad Malla R/o Qamarwari
13		R-14	Gulam Ahmad Khanday S/o Abdul Razaq Khanday R/o Qamarwari

Agenda Point No. 02:-

1.	Marriage Hall /Community Centre at Nowhatta Jamia Masjid	S-4	Mohammad Amin Khan & Farooq Ahmad Ss/o Gh. Qadir Khan & others.
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Agenda Point No. 03:-

1	New Zainakadal Bridge to Old Zainakadal via Sabni Kocha	Nil	Nazir Ah. Wani and Mehraj-ud-din Wani S/o Ali Mohd. Wani & others
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Agenda Point No. 04:-

1	New Fateh Kadal-New Habbakadal via Malpora	L-9	Bashir Ahmad, Gh. Rasool, Gh. Nabi , Mst. Hamida,Mst. Khatija, Mst. Fatima, Fayaz Ahmad, Ajaz Ahmad,Nisar Ahmad, Mst. Noora &Mst. Shugufta.
2		R-44	Bashir Ahmad Peer
3		91	Zahoor Ahmad S/o Gh. Mohammad Bangroo.
3-AB			Mohammad Subhan S/o Abdul Rahim Matta

Agenda Point No.05 :-

1	Community Centre Drabyar Habba Kadal Srinagar.		
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Agenda Point No. 06:-

1	Karan Nagar Kak Sarai Road	L-7A, L-7B	Mohd Sharief Khan, Sarbuland Khan S/o Mohammad Yousuf Khan & others R/o Karan Nagar.
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Agenda Point No. 07:-

1	Pantha Chowk to Zewan Junction	L-6	
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Agenda Point No. 08:-

1	Fateh Kadal K.K Moulla road	R-5	Gh. Mohammad Sofi S/O Noor Mohammad Sofi
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Agenda Point No. 09:-

1	Community Centre at Mir Masjid Khanyar	B-1	Gh. Nabi , Mohammad Shafi & others legal heirs of Gh. Mohammad Khan.
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Social Welfare Department  
Civil Secretariat, J&K.

ADVERTISEMENT NOTICE

Subject: Filling up of the post of Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities, J&K.

Applications are invited from eligible interested persons for appointment of Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities in the UT of Jammu and Kashmir in terms of Jammu and Kashmir Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules,2021 issued vide S.O 91 dated 15.03.2021

1. Name of the Post: Commissioner for Persons with Disabilities.

2. Number of Posts: 01 (one).

3. Pay Scale: Rs 37400-67000+(GP 10000/-pre-revised)

4. Eligibility Criteria:-

i. the candidate should have special knowledge or practical experience in respect of the matters relating to rehabilitation of persons with disabilities;

ii. He/ She has not attained the age of sixty years on 1st January 2021

iii. If in service under the Central Government or a State/ Union Territory Government, the candidate shall seek retirement from such service before being appointed to the post; and

iv. Possesses the following education qualifications and experience , namely:-

a. Educational qualifications:-

i. Essential: Graduate from a recognized university;

ii. Desirable: recognized degree or diploma in social work or law or management or human rights or rehabilitation or education of disabled persons.

b. Experience: At least twenty years experience in a Group A" Level or equivalent post:-

i. In Central or State Government or

ii. Public Sector Undertakings or Semi Government or Autonomous Bodies dealing with disability related matters or social sector or

iii. Works in the capacity of a senior level functionary in a registered Union territory or national or international level voluntary organization working in the field of disability or social development;

Provided that out of the total twenty years experience mentioned in this sub-clause, at least ten years of experience in the recent past had been in the field of empowerment of persons with disabilities.

5. Term of the Commissioner:- (1) The Commissioner shall be appointed on full time basis for a period of three years from the date of assumption of office, or till the attainment of the age of sixty-five years , whichever is earlier.

6. Salary and allowances of the Commissioner: (1) salary and allowances of the Commissioner shall be the salary and allowances as admissible to a Secretary to the Government of Jammu and Kashmir.

(2) Where a Commissioner, being a retired government servant or a retired employee of any institution or autonomous body funded by the Central or State Government, is in receipt of pension in respect of such previous service, the salary admissible to the Commissioner under these rules shall be reduced by the amount of the pension, and if in lieu of a portion of the pension, the commuted value thereof has been received, by the amount of such commuted portion of the pension.

7. Other terms and conditions of service of the Commissioner:- The other terms and conditions of service of Commissioner shall be such as specified in the Jammu & Kashmir Rights of Persons with Disabilities Rules , 2021 issued vide S.O 91 dated 15.03.2021

8. Interested eligible candidates may apply by filing Application in the prescribed pro-forma ( annexure attached) along with supporting documents to Social Welfare Department, Civil Secretariat, Jammu/ Srinagar,J&K within 30 days of publication of this notice. The application along with documents should be sent through email on email ID socialwelfare. adm@gmail.com and self attested copy of the application and documents should also be sent through post / speed post to Secretary, Social Welfare Department, J&K Room No. 2/22, Civil Secretariat, Jammu or Room No. 119, Civil Secretariat, Srinagar.

DIPK-7949/21

Under secretary to The Govt  
Social Welfare Department

ANNEXURE

1. Name (in Block Letters):-

2. Permanent Address with telephone number and e-mail ID:

3. Present Address:

4. Date of Birth:

5. Educational & other Qualifications:

	Stream	Name of the college/ university	Year of passing
Graduation			
Post-Graduation			
Additional Qualification			

6. Details of Experience:

Office/ organization	Brief of organization	Post held with scale of pay / consolidated pay	Period of service from ....to ...	Nature of appointment , whether regular/ adhoc/ deputiation/ honorary	Duties/ job description

6. Additional information , if any, which you would like to mention in support of your candidature;

Signature of the Candidate

Date:  
Place:  
Full Address of Communication:

Government of Jammu and Kashmir

Higher Education Department  
Civil Secretariat

Subject: Selection list for the posts of Assistant Professor, English in Higher Education Department- reg.

Circular No. 04 - JK (HE) of 2021  
Dated: 01-09-2021

The J8&K Public Service Commission vide letter No. PSC / DR / AP / English / Hr. Edu / 2017 dated 20.08.2021 has recommended the list of Assistant Professors, English to the Higher Education Department for further appointment. In this regard, all the selected candidates are advised to submit their particulars in terms of Government Order No.528-JK(GAD) of 2021 dated 21.06.2021 for verification of Character and Antecedents roles/form (triplicate copies) to the Higher Education Department, Civil Secretariat Jammu/Srinagar within 15 days positively, to enable the department to conduct Character and Antecedents verification from CID J&K before issuance of the appointment order in favour of recommended/selected candidates (copy enclosed).

DIPK-7856/21

Under Secretary to the Government  
Higher Education Department

No.-HED/estab/196/2021-04  
Dated: 01--09-2021

List of Selected candidates for the post of Assistant Professor (English):

S.NO	NO. OF POSTS	RANK	PARMOTNAME	ADDRESS	MARKS
SELECT LIST OF OPEN MERIT (Special Duty)					
1	42		SHYAM AHMAD KHAN	LADHO KUMAR	61.27
SELECT LIST OF OPEN MERIT (Regular)					
2	228		RAHMAN CHOUDHARY	ISLAM DIN CHOUDHARY	58.22
3	26		MOHAMMAD ASHRAF AHMED	40 Akbar Chhargi	57.49
4	9		RAHMAN SHANIK	466 DUGAN KULGAN	56.99
5	2		YASHI AWASTHI	5-33 Bhandi Nagar	55.99
6	40		RAHMAN SHANIK	466 DUGAN KULGAN	55.82
7	22		VIHARA DINT	8-10 CHAKRA LAR	55.25
8	20		ABDUL RAHMAN	22 DURGAMAH	53.92
9	19		ABDUL RAHMAN	22 DURGAMAH	53.78
10	11		RAHMAN SHANIK	466 DUGAN KULGAN	53.59
11	47		YASH PAUL	104 W. NO. 17 DURGAMAH	53.28
12	26		ABDUL RAHMAN	22 DURGAMAH	53.26
13	18		ABDUL RAHMAN	22 DURGAMAH	53.20
14	35		ABDUL RAHMAN	22 DURGAMAH	53.20
15	20		ABDUL RAHMAN	22 DURGAMAH	53.20
16	15		ABDUL RAHMAN	22 DURGAMAH	53.20
17	24		ABDUL RAHMAN	22 DURGAMAH	53.20
SELECT LIST OF OPEN MERIT (Special Duty)					
1	52		VIHARA DINT	8-10 CHAKRA LAR	49.56
2	44		ABDUL RAHMAN	22 DURGAMAH	49.44
3	87		ABDUL RAHMAN	22 DURGAMAH	49.32
4	24		ABDUL RAHMAN	22 DURGAMAH	48.87
5	55		ABDUL RAHMAN	22 DURGAMAH	48.84
6	75		ABDUL RAHMAN	22 DURGAMAH	47.91
7	56		ABDUL RAHMAN	22 DURGAMAH	47.85
8	97		ABDUL RAHMAN	22 DURGAMAH	46.95
9	66		ABDUL RAHMAN	22 DURGAMAH	46.29
10	53		ABDUL RAHMAN	22 DURGAMAH	45.78
11	68		ABDUL RAHMAN	22 DURGAMAH	45.65

12	70	SYED AHMAD MOSEVI	SYED HUSAIN MOSEVI	LABARTAL MAIN CHOWKE	44.09
13	60	MANMOOH AHMAD NIE	MOHD KHAJIL NIE	63 BANFORA WANGAN	43.94
14	65	MOHD YAGOOB DAR	MOHAMMAD ABDULLA DAR	80 CHAKKARPOORA	43.90
15	54	FASIR AHMAD KHANDAY	ABDUL SALAM KHANDAY	9 BHAR QAIMOH	43.75
16	71	TABIR MAHMOOD	MOHD SHAFI QURASHI	61 SANGLA SURANKOTE	43.72
17	66	ISHRAQ HUSSAIN BIKAT	GH MOHD SHAFI	45 DAR MOHALLA	43.45
18	73	YASIR AHMAD RAJNA	ALI MOHD RAJNA	84 RAJNA MOHALLAH	43.41
19	61	MUJIBAR YOUSUF	MOHD YOUSUF BATHUR	70 GATIND HESMAN	43.40
20	63	ANISAL IL HAQ MARGAY	MOHD YAGOOB MARGAY	DOUNSA LOKAB SOGAM	43.24
21	67	AAZ AHMAD PADROO	MOHD SHABAN PADROO	POTERWAL POTERWAL	43.26
22	58	REHMAN GORIA	ANWAR SINGH GORIA	55 lane no. 4a formal	42.00
23	72	SAMIR AHMAD	AB MAJID WANI	880 DCS SECTORA	41.37
24	74	MOHD ISHAQ SHAH	AB REHMAN SHAH	30 quater newbough	40.47
SELECT LIST OF SC CATEGORY (Special Duty)					
1	76	NTADRA BALDORA	BRJ LAL BALDORA	132 DOGRA HALL	50.41
2	78	DEEPAK RAJ	SHABAN KUMAR	11 NO 60 WARD NO 11	47.17
3	87	VEAT KUMAR	CHIRI RAM	80 VILL SECRETAR PO	46.89
4	88	RAJSHI MALHOTRA	KULDEEP RAJ	8 NO 38 SEC 4 KETH	46.39
5	101	ANITA KUMARI	GURDAS KUMAR	7 SEC R/1 LAKSHI POKAR	46.33
6	77	M S LIDA	SANSAR SINGH	8 NO 10 AFRA VIKAR	45.91
7	55	RAM KISHORE	HATHI RAM	8 NO 701 A SEC NO 9	45.72
8	81	PALVINDER KUMARI	JANAK RAJ	8/0 GAGORE P/O	45.63
9	97	NISHD DEVI	PANDEEP KUMAR	VIRAT SIKHAR	43.33
SELECT LIST OF SC CATEGORY (Regular)					
10	82	VARUN ARYA	KUSH RAJ	94 LAMBRI	42.75
11	69	MOHISHA BANISHI	ABIR BANISHI	880 T1 DOGRA NAGAR SEC	41.88
12	82	SUNITA DEVI	KUSHAN CHAND	VII Sector padal po	41.06
SELECT LIST OF ST CATEGORY (Special Duty)					
1	108	JAMPHIL SHERAN	TEJINDER PAL	8 No 351 Bst Bhagwanpur	51.39
2	111	SHAFIA JAMAL KHAN	MOHD JAMAL KHAN	1512 CHATTAPALI	48.66
3	107	ANCHO RATIMA NEHA	SYED MOHD NEHA	8/0 BARGO KARCIL	48.51
4	112	STANISH STANISH	SHEDIN WANGDER	house no 211 sector 05	47.47
5	126	MOHD ALI SHABIR	HAJIRI SHAHIN	room no.219 department	47.44
6	125	SHAFIA YAMINER	MOHD SHAFIEE	WARD NO 17 MAHALLA	47.13
7	124	ARICE AHMED	HAZIRAH AHMED	42 WARD NO 5 BARI	47.11
8	113	MOHIN AHMAD	LAL DIN KALJE	91 CHIMAR COUNTRY	46.48
9	124	AZRA KHATUN	KHADIM HUSSAIN	786 MUNDRI ENCLAVE	45.94
10	106	SHAFIQ ALI	BARRET HUSSAIN	27 MANDOTE MANDOTE	44.28
11	116	MOHD YOUSUF SALEEM	MOHD SHAFI	VPO area sector 05	43.08
12	120	STANISH DESHAN	SOMAN RINCHEN	REBITHI HOUSE	42.44
SELECT LIST OF ST CATEGORY (Regular)					
13	123	WABID SID DIN	SHEDIN MOHD HUSSAIN	184 GOMA MINER	41.22
14	115	SANDEEP KUMAR	RAJINDER SINGH	644 DAKDI DUGGI	40.86
SELECT LIST OF ALL CATEGORY (Special Duty)					
1	122	AMIN KHAN	KHAN	MIRJEE CHAKKAR	51.39
2	117	VANDANA KALPIT	SHANSHER SINGH	1 SARAFKATI VIKAR	45.52
3	126	SAMINA KHAN	MOHD ASLAM KHAN	8/0 VILL GAGROTTA P/O	44.62
4	124	HEMANTH KUMAR	SHAN LAL	8 NO 41 R/O VILLAGE	41.24
5	125	RAJESH KUMAR	SITA RAM	vill plot no 100/100	41.29
SELECT LIST OF SC CATEGORY					
1	102	ASMITA NABI	GURAM NABI GURJE	10 light colony	47.94



# Ind-Ra Retains 'Stable' Outlook On Indian Banking Sector In Fy22

## Agencies

New Delhi: India Ratings and Research (Ind-Ra) has maintained a stable outlook on the overall banking sector for the rest of FY22, supported by the continuing systemic support. This support has helped manage the system-wide Coronavirus (Covid-19) pandemic linked stress.

The rating agency has kept its FY22 credit growth estimates unchanged at 8.9 per cent for FY22, supported by a pick-up in economic activity post Q1FY22, higher government spending, especially on infrastructure and a revival in demand for retail loans. The agency estimates Gross Non-performing Assets (GNPAs) at 8.6 per cent for FY22, up from 7.7 per cent in FY21. The stressed assets at 10.3 per cent for FY22 from 8.6 per cent in FY21.

The agency in a statement said banks also continue to strengthen financials by raising capital and adding to provision buffers which have already seen a sharp increase in the last three to four years. The agency expects provisioning cost to increase to 1.9 per cent from its earlier estimate of 1.5 per cent for FY22.

The sector's profitability is expected to improve in FY22 driven by enhancement in the financial profile of public sector banks.

Referring to the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic on retail loans, the agency said that the safe bastion fell as the pandemic drove higher delinquencies. The asset quality impact in the retail segment has been higher for private banks.

Banks have undertaken restructuring in retail assets (including home loans), which could have postponed an immediate increase in slippages. Overall stressed assets (GNPA + restructured pool) in the segment is expected to increase to 5.8 per cent by end-FY22, up from 2.9 per cent a year ago.

The micro, small and medium enterprises sector has been under pressure with demonetisation, introduction of GST and RERA, slowing down of large corporates and now Covid-19. However, the government has supported the segment by offering liquidity under the Emergency Credit Line Guarantee Scheme and restructuring.

The agency expects that the beginning Q3FY22, will see a portion of such advances start exiting moratoriums, a part of which could slip. The GNPAs are expected to increase to 13.1 per cent by end-FY22 from 9.9 per cent in FY21. Stressed assets GNPAs plus restructured assets) similarly would increase to 15.6 per cent from 11.7 per cent, it added.

# Sensex Snaps 3-Day Winning Run; IT, Pharma Stocks Weigh

Mumbai (PTI): The BSE Sensex surged to yet another all-time high but closed modestly lower on Tuesday as investors offloaded IT, pharma and banking stocks at higher levels.

A sharp drop in the rupee, which lost 32 paise against the US dollar, further weighed on market mood, traders said.

Snapping its three-day rising streak, the 30-share BSE benchmark settled 17.43 points or 0.03 per cent lower at 58,279.48. Intra-day, it touched a fresh lifetime high of 58,553.07. On similar lines, the broader NSE Nifty fell 15.70 points or 0.09



per cent to 17,362.10. It scaled an all-time peak of 17,436.50 during the session. Sun Pharma was the top laggard in the Sensex pack, sliding 1.81 per cent, followed by Tech Mahindra, Axis Bank, HCL Tech, Infosys, TCS and L&T.

In contrast, HDFC led the gainers' list with a jump of 2.56 per cent. Bharti Airtel, IndusInd Bank, ITC, UltraTech Cement, Nestle India, Reliance Industries and Asian Paints were among the other winners.

"The domestic market traded with high volatility as investors locked in gains from the recent rally and global factors. However, the broad market maintained its buoyancy in segments, which are bound to benefit from unlocking.

"European shares traded with cuts ahead of the European Central Bank's policy meeting on Thursday, where talks regarding the tapering of asset purchase program are likely to take place in the backdrop of

rising eurozone inflation," said Vinod Nair, Head of Research at Geojit Financial Services.

Ajit Mishra, VP - Research, Religare Broking Ltd, said in the absence of any major domestic event, global cues would continue to dictate market trend.

"Indications are in the favour of some consolidation or profit taking. Thus, we recommend maintaining extra caution in stocks selection. On the benchmark front, Nifty has immediate support around the 17,200-17,250 zone," he added.

Sector-wise, BSE realty, IT, utilities, oil and gas and power indices tumbled up to 2.24 per cent, while telecom, consumer durables, FMCG and energy finished in the green.

In the broader markets, the BSE midcap and smallcap indices fell as much as 0.73 per cent.

On the global markets front, Asian equities rallied after China posted robust exports data for August. Bourses in Shanghai, Tokyo and Hong Kong ended with gains, while Seoul settled in the red. Equities in Europe were trading on a negative note in mid-session deals.

Meanwhile, international oil benchmark Brent crude rose 0.54 per cent to USD 72.61 per barrel. The rupee plunged by 32 paise to close at 73.42 against the US dollar on Tuesday, tracking a strong American currency in the overseas market. Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) were net sellers in the capital market as they offloaded shares worth Rs 589.36 crore on Monday, as per provisional exchange data.

# Cairn Accepts \$1 Bn Refund Offer, To Drop Cases Against India: CEO

## Agencies

New Delhi: UK-based Cairn Energy PLC on Tuesday said it will drop litigations to seize Indian properties in countries ranging from France to the US, within a couple of days of getting a USD 1 billion refund resulting from the scrapping of a retrospective tax law.

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Cairn will drop cases to seize diplomatic apartments in Paris and Air India airplanes in the US in "a matter of a couple of days" after the refund, he said adding Cairn's shareholders are in agree-

ment with accepting the offer and moving on.

"Some of our core shareholders likes BlackRock and Franklin Templeton agree (to this). Our view is supported by our core shareholders (that) on balance it is better to accept and move on and be pragmatic. Rather than continue with something negative for all parties which could last for



many years," he said.

Seeking to repair India's damaged reputation as an investment destination, the government last month enacted new legislation to drop Rs 1.1 lakh crore in outstanding claims against multinationals such as telecoms group Vodafone, pharmaceuticals company Sanofi and brewer SABMiller, now owned by AB InBev, and Cairn.

About Rs 8,100 crore collected from companies under the scrapped tax provision are to be refunded if the firms agreed to drop outstanding litigation, including claims for interest and penalties. Of this, Rs 7,900 crore is due only to Cairn.

"Once we get to final resolution, part of that resolution is us dropping everything in terms of litigation. We can do that within a very short period of time, just a

# SEBI Asks Exchanges To Move To T+1 Settlement Cycle On An Optional Basis

New Delhi: The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has introduced an optional T+1 settlement cycle for the Indian markets. The regulator has put the onus on the stock exchanges to decide whether they want to opt for the shorter settlement cycle for any of the listed scrips -- after giving a one-month prior notice to all stakeholders, including the public at large.

A move to a T+1 settlement cycle is expected to benefit domestic investors by increasing market liquidity and trading turnover, while reducing settlement risk and broker defaults. Foreign portfolio investors (FPIs), however, are expected to face considerable operational challenges in adjusting to the new regime because of the difference in time zones, especially for US and European investors.

"Sebi has been receiving requests from various stakeholders to further shorten the settlement cycle. Based on discussions with stock exchanges, clearing corporations and depositories, it has been decided to provide flexibility to stock exchanges to offer either T+1 or T+2 settlement cycle," said a note from the regulator on Tuesday. The provisions of the circular come into effect from January 1, 2022.

Currently, trades on Indian stock exchanges are settled within two days just like most major markets around the world such as Singapore, Hong Kong, Australia, Japan and South Korea. Taiwan, which had moved to a T+1 settlement, has moved back to a T+2 cycle.

"Domestic investors will be

in favour of moving to a T+1 system since all the money today is coming on a realised basis. The offshore investors, however, will face an issue," said a person familiar with the matter.

According to him, the exchanges may initially try to move 5, 10 or 15 scrips that are outside of the key benchmark indices such as Nifty 50 and Sensex to T+1 cycle. "FPIs are the biggest drivers of Indian equities and moving Sensex of Nifty stocks could prove too risky if liquidity dries up," he said.

After opting for T+1 settlement cycle for a scrip, the stock exchange shall have to mandatorily continue with the same for a minimum period of six months. Post that, in case, the exchange intends to switch back to T+2 settlement cycle, it shall do so by giving one-month advance notice to the market. Any subsequent switch (from T+1 to T+2 or vice versa) shall be subject to minimum notice period. There shall be no netting between T+1 and T+2 settlements. Two different settlement cycles on different exchanges for the same scrip could also result in flow of domestic liquidity from one exchange to another. For example, if the RIL scrip is traded under T+1 on NSE but T+2 on BSE, a domestic institutional investor preferring a T+1 cycle may trade the scrip on the former.

"Most of the global banks and FPIs will find it difficult to fulfill the fund obligations and it may be an operational chaos," said a foreign custodian, adding that neither FPIs nor custodians have been consulted on the issue.

matter of a couple of days or something," Thomson said. "So we are preparing on the basis of getting this resolution quickly, all these cases being dropped, and putting all this behind."

He said all enforcement proceedings brought because of the Government of India's refusal to honour an international arbitration award asking it to return the

# CARS24 Offers Simplified Online Selling, Buying Experience Of Cars

Srinagar: CARS24 exists to transform the way consumers buy and sell cars- it is an e-commerce platform that is leveraging technology at every leg of the consumer journey to solve genuine pain points and deliver a wow experience. Since its launch in 2015, CARS24 has always strived to take the stress and hassle out of selling a car. Using a combination of core offerings, namely single visit, best price, free RC transfers and instant payment options, the company has managed to scale the business exponentially and become one of the most revered

digital reliant idea was not easy. A majority of the dealers were hesitant to participate in online auctions due to the lack of physical inspections; CARS24 made it simple with its auction app.

To combat this issue, CARS24's technology team worked diligently to build an entire ecosystem that focused on transparency, security, and total accountability on the brand's part in an effort to reassure the dealers of the #1 focus, i.e, accurate and efficient inspections on 140+ parameters for the car. This not only helped them easily participate in auctions but



used car businesses in the industry. This convenience factor is further enhanced by the ease of transacting through the well-designed website and smartphone apps, from the comfort of the home or on the go. Selling a car on CARS24 is an easy, quick and a straightforward process.

Five years back, the industry largely relied on physical vehicular inspections. Since it had been an industry standard practice for the longest time, gaining trust of channel partners for this

also helped CARS24 tackle the resistance and emerge as one of the key players in the organised used car market. In 2019, CARS24 procured a non-banking financial company (NBFC) license from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and also ventured into the consumer lending business in an attempt to provide seamless and instant access to credit. This further upped the ante of CARS24 by setting a benchmark in providing its consumers with a delightful customer experience.

## OFFICE OF THE EXECUTIVE ENGINEER I&FC DIVISION SUMBAL (Jal Shakti Deptt) NOTICE INVITING E-TENDERS

FRESH E-NIT NO—IFC/Sumbal/14 OF 2021-2022

For and on behalf of Lt. Governor, J&K Union Territory, e-tenders are invited (in single cover system) on "item rate basis" from Eligible Registered/ Approved and valid agencies registered with J&K Government for the following works:-

S. No	Name of Work	Appr. cost of Rest. (in Lacs)	Earnest Money	Cost of T.D	Time of Completion	Class of Contract	M.H of Account	Position of Funds
01	Construction of Culvert transformer bed and lining wall for LIS Sonamerteng	5.87	Bidders declaration Form	500.00 indicate Name of work with NIT S.No on TR/ E-Challan	25 days	CEE/ DEE	Back to Village 3rd	Committed

POSITION OF AAA = Accorded

01. The bidding documents consisting of qualifying information, eligibility criteria, specifications, drawings (if any), book of quantities (BoQ) set of terms and conditions of contract and other details can be seen/ downloaded from the website www.jktenders.gov.in as per schedule of dates given below.

01	Publishing Date	07/09/2021
02	Download date Starts	From 07/09/2021
03	Bid submission date starts	07/09/2021
04	Bid submission date ends	13/09/2021 upto 04:00 PM
05	Submission of hard copies	Hard copies shall be obtained only from the bidder who is declared as 1st lowest bidder (L1) at the time of opening of tenders. The cost of tender documents will be collected through e-challan / receipt under head of account 0702. However, the unsuccessful bidders will submit the same separately after the opening of bids online.
06	Date and time of opening bids online	14/09/2021 in the office of Executive Engineer I&FC Division Sumbal (Jal Shakti Department)

- The bids shall be deposited in electronic format on the departmental website www.jktenders.gov.in
- The bids uploaded on the Web site up to due date and time will be opened in the Office of the Executive Engineer Irrigation and Flood Control Division Sumbal in presence of the bidders who wish to attend. In case of Holidays or office happening to be closed on the date of opening of the bids, the same will be opened on the next working day at the same time and venue. The complete bidding process will be online.
- Bids must be accompanied with cost of tender document (Non- Refundable/ Non- transferable) to be deposited under MH: 0702-Rev. Misc. in shape of Treasury Challan / receipt or e- Challan (mentioning therein NIT No, Serial No of work and Adv. Cost of work) to be pledged in favour of the Executive Engineer Irrigation and FC Division Sumbal and Bid Security declaration form duly self-attested instead of Bid Security (EMD) as per Finance Department J&K Civil Secretariat Jammu/ Srinagar Circular issued vide No. A/ Misc(2018)-III-895/I, besides the date on the instrument must not be prior to date of issuance of this tender Notice. However, in case of compelling circumstances the same shall be obtained from the successful bidder by this department. (Refer Appendix-I).
- Performance Security upto 03% shall have to be furnished by the successful tenderer whenever asked by the department (Refer Appendix-I).
- The bids for the work shall remain valid for a period of 90 days from the date of opening of Price bids.
- Instructions to bidders regarding e-tendering process.
- Bidders are advised to download bid submission manual form the "Downloads" option as well as from "Bidders Manual Kit" on website www.jktenders.gov.in acquaints bid submission process.
- 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 any approved Vendor.
- The bidder has to submit their bids online in electronic format with digital signature. No bid will be accepted in physical form.
- Bids will be opened online as per time schedule mentioned in above at Serial No. 1.
- Bidders must ensure to upload scanned copy of all necessary Documents.
- Note: Scan all the documents on 100 dpi with black and white option.
- The department will not be responsible for delay in online submission of tender due to any reason/ reasons.
- Scanned copy of Bid Security Declaration Form as per Appendix-I, cost of tender documents in shape of e-challan or Treasury challan/ receipt pledged to the Executive Engineer Irrigation and FC Division Sumbal enlistment card duly renewed, G.S. Tin No., Bidders are advised not to make any change in BOQ (Bill of quantities) contents, in no case they should attempt to create similar manually. The BOQ downloaded should be used for filling the item rate inclusive of all taxes and it should be saved with the same name as it contains.
- The unit rates and prices shall be quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees and the rates quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes up to completion of the work unless otherwise, specified. 11) Special Conditions:-
  - Price escalation and Taxes: The item wise cost / offer be quoted by the bidder entirely in Indian Rupees and the cost quoted shall be deemed to include price escalation and all taxes till completion of work.
  - Deduction on account of taxes shall be made from the bills of the contractor on gross amount of the bill of the contractor as per the rates prevailing at that time.
  - Bidders are advised to use "My Document" area in their uses on JK tenders e-Tendering portal to store such documents as are required.
  - The bidder shall have the experience of having executed such nature of works i.e., water retaining structures.
    - Complete Bio Data of contractor/ agency as per Appendix (II).
  - Errors/omissions, if any shall be read with SOR 2020.
  - Nothing shall be paid on account of dewatering, diversion or construction of ring bund quantities executed in or under water, making of tracks, ramps and removal of the same after completion even if involved at site. The contractor shall quote their rates accordingly.
  - Drawal of Agreement within 10 days after fixation of contract.
  - Production of original documents necessary for verification on declaration of the lowest bidder by or before 07 days of the opening of Price Bid/generation of comparative statement.
- Material:-
  - In case of non-availability of stocks in divisional stores the contractor may purchase the required material of quality and specifications prescribed, to be certified by Engineer in charge after getting non availability certificate from Executive Engineer and shall not be entitled for any type of excessive rates on this account. 13) Qualification criteria for the work and other terms and conditions are as below:-
    - All bidders shall include the following information and documents with their bids G.S.T No./ PAN No/Regd. Card duly renewed for the current year.
  - If the bidder does not quote rate for any item of the BOQ, such item/items shall be deemed to be part of the overall/ total contract value and no rate shall be allowed for such item/ items.
  - The date of start of the work shall be reckoned with in 7th day from the date of issuance of LOU/ contract allotment as the case may be.
  - Restoration of work:- On completion of contract the contractor shall be responsible to remove all un-used material and restore all work in its original position at his own cost, any damage if caused during execution of work shall be restored by the contractor at his own cost.
  - The contractor has to manage housing for labours, electricity, water storage for material, watch and ward and other facilities at his own.
  - Arbitration: The Arbitration and conciliation Act-1996 shall be deemed to apply to the arbitration, disputes, if any regarding reference to Courts shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the J&K Courts only.
  - Defect Liability Period (DLP): The contractor shall be responsible to maintain the work within a defective liability period of Six (06) months.
  - Safety: The contractor shall be responsible for safety of all activities at site of work during execution. i) Termination: The employer may terminate the contract if the contractor causes any fundamental breach of the contract, which shall include stoppage of work without any reason.
- The tender receiving authority reserves the right to accept or reject any tender or all tenders without assigning any reason therefor.
- Insurance:- Insurance cover to labour / Machinery/ Work/ Plant/ Material/ Equipment by the contractor shall be mandatory

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# Rupee Slides By 32 Paise To Over 1-Week Low On Dollar Buying, Forex Outflows

Mumbai (PTI): The rupee plunged by 32 paise to close at a more than one-week low of 73.42 against the US currency on Tuesday due to dollar buying by corporates and importers and the greenback's gain in overseas markets.

The rupee mirrored losses in most Asian and emerging market currencies while forex outflows also weighed on the unit, analysts said.

At the interbank foreign exchange market, the local currency opened lower at 73.12 and dropped to a day's low of 73.44 later. The domestic unit finally

settled at 73.42, its lowest closing level since August 27. On Monday, the local unit settled at 73.10 against the greenback.

The rupee depreciated against the US dollar due to dollar buying by importers and an uptick in the dollar index, Sri-ram Iyer, Senior Research Analyst at Reliance Securities said.

The unit fell 0.4 per cent on Tuesday, its biggest single-session fall since June 19. Meanwhile, most of the EM and Asian currencies were weak on Tuesday and weighed on sentiments, Iyer said.

Anindya Banerjee, DVP,

Currency Derivatives & Interest Rate Derivatives at Kotak Securities Ltd attributed the large corporate demand for dollar to the rupee's fall.

"A strong US Dollar Index is also aiding the weakness in the rupee. However, upside remains capped thanks to exporter selling. We expect a range of 73.00 and 73.70 on spot," Banerjee said.

The dollar index, which gauges the greenback's strength against a basket of six currencies, was trading 0.22 per cent higher at 92.23.

"Profit booking in domestic equities, after touching life-

time high, and dollar outflows weighed on rupee. Traders expecting dollar outflow related to dividend from a steel company and central bank's intervention could add pressure on the local currency," Dilip Parmar, Research Analyst, HDFC Securities said.

Brent crude futures, the global oil benchmark, fell 0.01 per cent to USD 72.21 per barrel.

On the domestic equity market front, the BSE Sensex ended 17.43 points or 0.03 per cent lower at 58,279.48, while the broader NSE Nifty declined 15.70 points or 0.09 per cent to 17,362.10.



## HDFC Bank Inks MoU With NSIC To Offer Credit Support To MSMEs

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**NEW DELHI:** HDFC Bank has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with National Small Industries Corporation (NSIC) to offer credit support to MSMEs across the country.

As part of this collaboration, HDFC Bank will provide MSMEs with set of specially tailored schemes to enhance their competitiveness. Under this financing arrangement HDFC Bank branches will extend support to MSME projects in the areas they are located or other important industrial sectors across the country.

The MoU was signed by Shri Gaurang Dixit, Director of Finance, NSIC and Mr. Akhilesh Kumar Roy, National

Head – Sales Excellence and Transformation, HDFC Bank at NSIC office, Okhla, New Delhi. The event was digitally attended by Mr. Rahul Shukla, Group Head – Commercial and Rural Banking, HDFC Bank who addressed the Zonal offices of NSIC and assured all support in strengthening the MSME ecosystem in the country.

Rahul Shukla, Group Head - Commercial and Rural Banking, HDFC Bank said, "As a bank we are happy to be part of this big initiative to reboot and give required fillip to the economy. We believe this partnership with NSIC will help expedite the MSME Sector growth which is the backbone of the country both in terms of economic development and job creation."

## Nepal Sends Diplomatic Note To India On Mahakali River Incident

**KATHMANDU:** Nepal has sent a diplomatic note to the Indian government over the disappearance of a Nepali man in the Mahakali river last month reportedly in the presence of Indian paramilitary force SSB and the alleged violation of Nepali airspace by an Indian helicopter.

Jaya Singh Dhami, 30, belonging to Byas municipality of Darchula district bordering India, on July 30 fell into the Mahakali river, which flows along Nepal's western border with India, as he was trying to cross it with the help of a rope.

According to Nepalese media reports, he fell into the river and went missing as the Sasrastra Seema Bal (SSB) personnel allegedly cut the rope from the other side of the border river. A probe committee set by Nepal's Home Ministry has said that India's SSB was present during the incident.

Nepal's Foreign Ministry sent a diplomatic note to the Government of India through Indian Embassy, Kathmandu regarding the matter, an official at the foreign ministry here confirmed on the condition of anonymity.

The issue has been raised by both the opposition as well as the ruling party cadres and leaders for weeks, which observers opine exerted pressure on the Sher Bahadur Deuba government to finally take the decision to send the diplomatic note.

The matter relating to an Indian Air Force helicopter allegedly flying over Nepalese airspace was also raised in the letter, said the foreign ministry sources.

The foreign ministry wrote the diplomatic note to India after receiving a letter from the home ministry regarding the report by a government probe committee into the missing of the Nepali man.

## PSC On Social Justice & Empowerment Visits CRC Bemina

Takes Stock Of Facilities Available There; Talks To Stakeholders



### Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** On the first day of its study tour the Parliamentary Standing Committee on Social Justice & Empowerment headed by Parliamentarian, Rama Devi on Tuesday visited the Composite Regional Centre (CRC), Bemina here and took stock of facilities and courses offered by the centre.

The Parliamentarians held detailed deliberations with the management of the centre and asked them about different facilities and courses offered by the centre. The committee members also enquired from the administration about the functioning of the centre and its contribution towards the upliftment of specially-abled class of society.

The members went round the campus to see the kind of services offered by the centre. They also enquired about the number of beneficiaries and their profile. They also asked about their future requirements, plans and strategies to implement the same.

The committee was apprised

that the centre is providing exemplary services to all the differently abled persons of the UT. It was given out that the centre besides giving clinical support services, is providing different kinds of aids and appliances to these persons. The centre is also organising awareness programmes and outreach activities for the benefit of these people, the committee was informed.

It was also said that the centre is running several academic programmes like Diploma in Rehabilitation Therapy, Diploma in Prosthetics & Orthotics, Diploma in hearing language and speech and others in collaboration with University of Kashmir and other national institutes.

The committee was apprised that the regional centre has been established for the Persons with Disabilities of Jammu & Kashmir, by the Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India, in the year June 2000. The objective of this centre is to build an inclusive society in which equal opportunities are provided for the growth

and development of Persons with Disabilities so that they can lead productive, safe and dignified lives.

Earlier the committee held deliberations with NHPC about its reservation in jobs and other welfare measures in favour of weaker classes of the society including SCs, STs, OBCs and other disabled people. The committee also enquired from the NHPC office bearers about its CSR activities and programs carried out in different areas of the country for the upliftment of these sections of society.

It is to mention here that the Parliamentary Committee on Social Justice and Empowerment consists of 31 members, 21 nominated by the Speaker, Lok Sabha, from amongst the members of Lok Sabha and 10 from Rajya Sabha nominated by the Chairman, Rajya Sabha from amongst the members of Rajya Sabha. At present, the committee consists of 21 members from Lok Sabha and 9 members from Rajya Sabha (one seat from Rajya Sabha is vacant).

## Showdown With Khattar Government, Farmers Gherao Karnal Secretariat

### AGENCEIS

**KARNAL:** A large number of farmers on Tuesday squatted at the gates of the district headquarters here, locked in a showdown with Haryana's BJP-led government over a police lathi-charge last month.

The gherao began in the evening, several hours after farmers from Haryana and neighbouring states reached Karnal's New Anaj Mandi for a mahapanchayat, riding tractors and motorcycles.

Marching on foot from the mahapanchayat venue to the mini-secretariat five kilometres away, farmers faced a water cannon as they neared the complex. They jumped some barricades, but there was no other serious confrontation with police along the way.

The protesters are demanding action over a police lathi-charge in Karnal on August 28.

Farmer unions had warned that they will gherao the mini-secretariat if the administration did not meet their demands, centring around a now-transferred IAS officer Ayush Sinha.

The officer had been caught on tape allegedly telling policemen to "break heads" if the protesters crossed the line.

As the protesters appeared to settle in for the night, union leaders said the gherao will continue till their demands are met.

In Delhi, the Congress said Haryana Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar should resign if he cannot talk with the protesting farmers.

Party spokesperson Randeep Surjewala said Prime Minister Narendra Modi should shed his ego and arrogance and withdraw the three black laws" over which farmers have been protesting for months. Earlier, as the mahapanchayat began in Karnal, the local administration invited 11 farm leaders for talks.

Three hours later, they announced that the administration had not agreed to the

demands -- and then thousands of farmers headed on foot towards the secretariat.

Farm leaders told them not get into any confrontation with the police. They were asked to squat on the road wherever they were stopped.

The gherao of the mini-secretariat has started. We will sit here peacefully. Despite all obstacles, we have gheraoed the mini-secretariat, Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) leader Yogendra Yadav announced later.

We don't have to enter inside the mini-secretariat and only gherao it from outside, he told reporters.

During their talks with the administration, Yadav said, the farm leaders insisted only on the suspension of the IAS officer and no other demand was raised. Yadav said the administration rejected the demand for any immediate action against him. Officials, however, told the farm leaders that an inquiry will take place.

Bhartiya Kisan Union leader Rakesh Tikait said the state government is not listening to the farmers. The Khattar government should agree to our demands or else arrest us. We are ready to fill Haryana jails, he tweeted.

Yadav claimed in a tweet that the morcha leaders, including Rakesh Tikait, were briefly detained by Karnal police as they marched towards the secretariat. Under huge pressure from the farmers, they were brought out from the police bus, he said.

About 10 protesters were hurt in the clash with police in Karnal on August 28, as they tried to march towards the venue of a BJP meeting. Their leaders also claimed that a farmer died later, an allegation rejected by the administration.

Balbir Singh Rajewal, Joginder Singh Ugrahan, Darshan Pal and Yogendra Yadav were among the senior Samyukt Kisan Morcha (SKM) leaders who reached Karnal for the rally, held two days after a huge mahapanchayat in Uttar Pradesh's Muzaffarnagar.

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### Mobile Internet

Dilbag Singh on Tuesday complimented police, CRPF and SSB deployments for highly professional handling of ground situation over the last 5 days, a police spokesperson said.

Singh, he said, had an extensive tour of Srinagar and reviewed the ground situation, security and deployment arrangements in the city. During the tour, the DGP visited Mominabad, Parimpora, Qamarwari, Eidgah, Soura, Lal Bazar, Molvi Stop, Dargah, Nishat and Hyderpora and interacted with the officers and Jawans of CAPF and J&K Police deployed on Law and order duties.

"DGP J&K during the interaction complimented Police CRPF and SSB deployments for highly professional handling of ground situation over the last 5 days," the police spokesperson said.

The DGP, he said, appreciated dedication and commitment of police and other security forces for working day in and day out for the security of the people.

"He said that every measure enforced by JK Police and other security forces is aimed to safeguard the lives of the people and added that special restraint shown by police and security forces and very responsible conduct of the local people especially youth is highly appreciated," he added.

As per the police spokesperson, the DGP said that during last over three decades police along with other security forces has been working for peace in Jammu and Kashmir and advised the people not to "fall prey to the Pak machination and malicious & false propaganda aimed to vitiate the environment here".

"He said that we have to enjoy life and liberties with a great sense of responsibility and not resort to any act which is violating law and affects peace and order adversely," he said.

According to the police spokesperson Singh said that J&K has already suffered death and destruction at the hands of "enemies of peace & brotherhood and elements inimical to the interests of the people and the nation".

"We are moving on the path of peace and progress and have seen its dividends during the past few years," the DGP said, adding "We have to move forward together to strengthen peace identifying the enemies of peace and weaning out the mischievous elements strictly dealing with them under law."

The police spokesperson further said that the senior officers of CAPF and Zonal SSP of Srinagar city briefed the DGP about their deployments and shared their experiences and said that markets are open, normal business activities is going on, traffic is playing normally and internet is being released.

### Taliban Name

given to Sirajuddin Haqqani, the leader of the feared Haqqani network who also doubled up as a Taliban deputy leader.

"The cabinet is not complete, it is just acting," Mujahid said at the Government Information and Media Centre in Kabul.

"We will try to take people from other parts of the country."

The Taliban has promised an "inclusive" government that represents Afghanistan's

complex ethnic makeup.

While no woman has been included in the cabinet almost all members are drawn from Taliban itself.

Though dominated by the old guard, basically members from the Quetta Shura and the Haqqani network, the Taliban appointed a Tajik, Qari Fasihuddin, the architect of victories in northern Afghanistan, including Panjshir Valley, as the Defence Minister. Amir Khan Muttaqi, a Taliban negotiator in Doha and member of the first regime's cabinet, was named foreign minister.

As they transition from insurgent group to governing power, the Taliban have a series of major issues to address, including looming financial and humanitarian crises.

Only six countries—Russia, China, Turkey, Iran, Pakistan and Qatar – have been invited so far to attend the inaugural ceremony.

### Mehbooba Placed

to admin (administration) the situation is far from normal in Kashmir. This exposes their fake claims of normalcy," Mehbooba, who is the last chief minister of the erstwhile state, tweeted.

"GOI expresses concern for the rights of Afghan people but wilfully denies the same to Kashmiris," she added.

Mehbooba posted pictures of a security forces' vehicle blocking the main gate of her Gupkar residence.

According to officials, Mehbooba had expressed a desire to attend a family function in South Kashmir's highly volatile Kulgam district.

The authorities persuaded her not to go for the function as some anti-nationals were still trying to vitiate the atmosphere in the valley following the death of pro-Pakistan separatist Syed Ali Shah Geelani.

Mehbooba has been vocal since his death and on Monday she accused the administration of turning the valley into "an open air prison" where "the dead aren't spared".

"A family isn't allowed to mourn and bid a final farewell as per their wishes. Booking Geelani sahab's family under UAPA shows GOI's deep-rooted paranoia and ruthlessness. This is New India's Naya Kashmir," she tweeted.

However, hours later, the Jammu and Kashmir Police released videos of the funeral of Geelani, who died on September 1 at his home after a prolonged illness. He was 91.

A statement was also released by the police clocking events after his death saying that its officers were made to wait for three hours at the separatist's home when they went there for his burial.

### LG Launches Portal

the religions in the last 13 months and they unequivocally supported the return of migrants," he said.

"It is the responsibility of the present to rectify the mistakes of the past. While laying the foundation for a bright future, this is also the time to heal the old wounds. I request all citizens to support the administration in this effort and set a new example of brotherhood," Sinha said.

Nearly 60,000 families migrated from the

valley during the turmoil, out of which approximately 44,000 migrant families are registered with the Relief Organisation, J-K, whereas the rest of the families chose to shift to other states and UTs, the spokesman said.

The hapless migrants had to leave behind their immovable as well as movable properties, the LG said.

"The violence has affected all. Out of those 44,000 migrant families, 40,142 are Hindu families, 2,684 Muslim families and 1,730 belong to the Sikh community.

"During the trial run period of the portal, we have received 854 grievances. It clearly shows a large number of migrant families were awaiting justice. Now, the time-bound action on complaints will not only restore the faith of people in the system but I believe thousands of families achieve closure, justice and regain their dignity," the Lt Governor said.

It is pertinent to mention that with the onset of militancy in Jammu and Kashmir in 1989-1990, a large number of people had to migrate from their ancestral places of residence, particularly in the Kashmir division, the spokesman said.

There was a mass exodus of Kashmiri Hindus as well as a number of Sikhs and Muslim families. Under compelling circumstances, the immovable properties of these migrants got either encroached or they were forced to sell their properties at throwaway prices, he said.

In order to address this issue, on June 2, 1997, an act namely "The Jammu and Kashmir Migrant Immovable Property (Preservation, Protection and Restraint on Distress Sales) Act, 1997" was enacted, he said.

This act provides preservation, protection and restraint on distress sales of the immovable property of the migrants.

### Panel Formed

by the Administrative Council, the official said.

### Masrat Alam

held according to the Hurriyat constitution. Geelani, who died last week, was elected as the lifetime chairman of the amalgam, but he stepped down and dissociated from it last year.

He was avowedly a Pakistan supporter and had spearheaded the separatist movement in Jammu and Kashmir for over three decades.

### J&K Logs 126

Reasi 16. Four districts of Union Territory including Anantnag, Kathua, Samba and Poonch reported no new cases of the virus.

Moreover, officials said, 148 more Covid patients have recovered—25 from Jammu division and 123 from the Valley.

Also, officials said that the death toll due to Covid-19 remained 4410 as no fresh fatality was reported in J&K during the last 24 hours.

### CS Directs JKRLM

requirements, besides establishing fruitful forward linkages with the e-markets.

"He also urged the department to target the appointment of 2000 'Bank Sakhis' in J&K by ramping up bank linkages to SHGs," he added.

According to the official spokesperson, the

CS advised the Housing & Urban Department to explore convergence with other schemes under implementation in urban sector in J&K for increasing the acceptance of the NULM in the urban setting.

"Highlighting that the targets under direct financing scheme for SC/ST/OBC are extremely low, the Chief Secretary urged the concerned to lay special focus on providing gainful employment to more underprivileged and marginalized in the society," he said.

He further said that the Industries and Commerce Department informed that as against the target of 2352 cases under PMEGP, 7613 cases have been sanctioned as on date by the banks and in 5775 cases, financial assistance has also been disbursed to the beneficiaries.

"The Chief Secretary emphasized greater coordination between departments and banks for expeditious sanction and disbursement of loans under various schemes so that the target of creating one lakh self employment opportunities for youth is achieved at the end of the present financial year," the official spokesperson added.

### Only Full Autonomy

a sole basis for defining a permanent resident of the Union Territory of Ladakh.

"It is validation and vindication of the essence of Article 35A in ensuring constitutional guarantees to people of J-K and Ladakh which was arbitrarily made inoperative," he said.

Tarigami said the democratic forces must raise their voice for the restoration of the legitimate rights of the people.

"Let those in authority understand that forced silence can't be construed as acceptance," he added.

### Srinagar Going

delicate balance of the environment," LG Sinha said.

"We must add 'Rethink Strategy' in our existing 6R Campaign- Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, Remove, Refuse, and Report to strengthen our resolve for bringing better environmental sustainability in the UT."

The action plan prepared by SMC for Waste to Energy Plant has been approved, he said, and the government is planning to start door-to-door collection of 100 per cent solid waste by October 2.

"Climate change is real," Sinha said. "If we do not take action now to protect Mother Nature, our rivers, lakes and localities in future could possibly be buried under the burden of this waste."

### Rs 1.64 Cr Seized

the recovery was made from two bags belonging to local resident Manzoor Ahmad in Saryah village.

A case under various sections of Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act has been lodged in police station Nowshera in connection with the recovery and efforts are on to arrest Ahmad for further investigation, Qasba told reporters.

She said the joint operation was carried out on credible inputs and the money kept in the two bags amounting to Rs 1,64,70,600 was seized in the presence of a magistrate.

Ahmad is a relative of drug peddler Sikandar who was recently arrested under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Act by a joint team of Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir Police from Nangal in Punjab.

On September 4, Rs 29.5 lakh was recovered from the house of Sikandar by a joint team of Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir police from his village Saryah in Nowshera sector.

Qasba said more arrests and recoveries are expected during investigation of the case.

### Two Held

were arrested by the trap team of ACB on the basis of a case FIR No. 24/2021 U/S 7 PC Act 1988 & 120-B IPC registered against them in Police Station ACB Srinagar, an ACB spokesperson said.

Giving more details about the case, he said, ACB received a complaint from a contractor alleging that his payment was being withheld despite completion of the maintenance work under sabbhavana project.

"The file regarding release of payment for the work done was pending with Hira Lal Dhar. The officer was demanding Rs. 5000/- as bribe for passing the file/release of payment due to the complainant through his Multi Tasking Staff (MTS) officer namely Riyaz Ahmad," he said.

He said after filing a case, an ACB team laid a successful trap and during the process caught the accused Riyaz Ahmad Wani while demanding and accepting a bribe amount of Rs. 5000/- from the complainant.

"The amount of bribe was also recovered on the spot in presence of an independent witness. The accused Riyaz Ahmad Wani was arrested on spot and from personal search an amount of Rs. 1, 01,425/- was also recovered. Later Hira Lal Dhar, Deputy IFA was also taken in custody," he said, adding that the further investigation in the case is going on.

### Man Arrested

section 302 (murder) of the Indian Penal Code was registered at police station Reasi and investigation taken up, police said.

A police team reached the scene of the crime after trekking uphill for over two hours and took the body in its custody, they said.

After completing all legal procedures, the body was handed over to legal heirs for the last rites, police said.

During investigation, it was found that accused Lehar Singh had fled the spot after committing the crime, they said.

Senior Superintendent of Police Shailender Singh said special teams were constituted to apprehend the accused and raids were conducted in Bhomag, Shajroo-Mahore, Samba Gagwal and Kathua.

Lehar Singh was finally nabbed from Kote-Hiranagar when he was trying to escape to Punjab, he said.

Lehar Singh had killed his cousin Bansi Lal in 2005 and he was convicted in the case, police said, adding he remained in jail for eight years.

### Electric Shock

to the impact of electric shock. His body was shifted to SDH Chadoora for legal medical formalities.



## Buttler, Leach Return To England Squad For Series' Manchester Finale

Press Trust of India

**MANCHESTER:** Wicketkeeper-batsman Jos Buttler and left-arm spinner Jack Leach on Tuesday returned to the England squad for the fifth and final Test against India as the hosts gear up save the series.

Buttler had missed the fourth Test due to the birth of his second child. India lead the series 2-1 after a famous win at The Oval on Monday.



"Batsman Sam Billings, who was included in the fourth Test squad, has returned to Kent," the ECB said in a statement.

England, who have not lost a Test series to India at home since 2007, are under pressure to save the five-match rubber here.

There is a good chance that pacer Mark Woods will return to the playing eleven in place of James Anderson, who could be rested after featuring in four games.

"He's (Wood) certainly someone who comes back into contention. We have got some aching bodies, I'm not going to deny that, so we obviously have to

keep an eye on that.

"He could come back and if he does, he will obviously add that pace for us. If the pitch is abrasive as it usually is at Old Trafford there should be reverse swing. He's certainly back in contention," said head coach Chris Silverwood.

On Anderson, he added: "It'll be a discussion that he and I will have together. He will have input into that, without a shadow of a doubt. James knows his own body.

"We have got a bit of time now between this game and the next one. I know what it's like, he won't want to miss any cricket. We have to make sure we look after him. Although there is a gap between the final Test and what's in front of him. He's certainly someone I want to make sure is looked after."

England squad: Joe Root (c), Moeen Ali, James Anderson, Jonathan Bairstow, Rory Burns, Jos Buttler, Sam Curran, Haseeb Hameed, Dan Lawrence, Jack Leach, David Malan, Craig Overton, Ollie Pope, Ollie Robinson, Chris Woakes and Mark Wood.

## BCCI To Ratify Sexual Harassment Policy, Discuss Ranji Compensation

Press Trust of India

**NEW DELHI:** The BCCI will ratify its Prevention of Sexual Harassment Policy and deliberate on the much-delayed compensation package for domestic cricketers at its Apex Council meeting to be held on September 20.

Until now, the board did not have a specific policy to deal with complaints of sexual harassment. It had formed an internal committee after sexual harassment allegations surfaced against then CEO Rahul Johri, who eventually resigned.

Like the last meeting on June 20, the meeting agenda also includes discussion on the compensation package for domestic cricketers for the COVID-19-hit 2020-2021 season when Ranji Trophy was not held for the first time, dealing a financial blow to the players.

The BCCI had formed a working

group to figure out a compensation package but the committee is yet to meet. It can finally meet before the Apex Council meeting and the cricketers will be hoping the board comes out with a decision at the earliest.

Interestingly, the compensation will be also be considered for women cricketers for loss of games last season.

"Discussion on compensation to be given to first-class cricketers (men and women) for the 2020-21 Season," read item number three on the agenda.

The meeting will be held virtually once again since the office-bearers are expected to be in the UAE for the IPL resuming September 19.

Also up for discussion will be the "infrastructure subsidy claims submitted by the state cricket Associations which are more than two years old".

## Two Matches Played In DFA Srinagar Super Division League



Observer News Service

**SRINAGAR:** In the ongoing DFA Srinagar Annual Football League Tournament 2021, two matches of the Super Division League were played on Tuesday at Synthetic Turf TRC here.

The first match was played between Syed Tajuddin FC and Young Iqbal FC.

In the 19th minute of the first half, Sanjeev of Syed Tajuddin FC scored a magnificent goal to give his team the lead.

Young Iqbal FC players tried to look for an equaliser but failed to find the net. In the 34th minute of the game Syed Tajuddin FC consolidated their lead by scoring

another goal through Irfan. The players of Young Iqbal FC tried their utmost to find the net but could not penetrate the solid defence of the Syed Tajuddin team.

The match ended with Syed Tajuddin FC defeating Young Iqbal FC by 2 goal to nil.

The second match of the day was played between Musuada Foundation FC and Shehr-e-Khaas FC.

Both teams played aggressive football from the get-go. Shehr-e-Khaas FC opened the scoring in the 10th minute of the game through Munees Ahmad, however, the team could not hold the lead and Owais of Musuada Foundation FC equalised for his team and scored

back to back three goals in 15th,

20th & 25th minute of the match.

Faizan Fayaz scored the 4th goal for Musuada Foundation FC. The first half ended 4-1 in favour of Musuada Foundation FC.

The second half of the match began on a similar goal-scoring tone, and in the 45th minute of the play Faizan Fayaz scored the fifth goal for Musuada Foundation FC.

Sheh In the dying minutes of the match, Shehr-e-Khaas FC players managed to score their 2nd goal of the game. The match ended 5-2 goals in favour of Musuada Foundation FC.

The tournament is organised by DFA Srinagar under the aegis of J&K Football Association, and in collaboration with JKSC.

## First-Ever 'YSS Cup' E-Launched In Jammu

Observer News Service

**JAMMU:** Principal Secretary, Youth Services and Sports Department, Alok Kumar, on Tuesday e-launched the first ever 'YSS Cup' 2021 at Khail Gaon, Nagrota.

All the 20 district contingents participated in the e-launching of the sports extravaganza through virtual mode.

Speaking about this important initiative of the government, Alok Kumar said, "The YSS Cup 2021 is the brainchild of J&K's Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha which is aimed at to tap sports talent of young boys and girls at panchayat level by providing them the best possible opportunities." He stated that such initiatives are being taken up to channelize the talent and energy of JK youth in a positive direction.

Deputy Director, department of Youth Services & Sports, Jatinder Mishra, DYSSO, Jammu and other senior officers of the department were present.

Pertinently, four games including Cricket, Volleyball, Kabbadi and



Kho-Kho have been kept for choice of both students and non-students for taking part in the events.

A total of 21360 teams from different panchayats of the UT are taking part in the Inter-Panchayat Block Level competitions involving more than 3 lakh, 10 thousand youth.

Meanwhile, Director Youth Services and Sports Department, Gazanfar Ali, also participated in the e-launching of the mega event from Khanmoh panchayat of district Srinagar along with District Development Council member Srinagar, Aijaz

Hussain Rather, Joint Director, YSS Kashmir, Bashir Ahmed and DYSSO Srinagar, Balbir Singh.

Also, Principal Secretary along with Director Youth Services and Sports, Gazanfar Ali e-inaugurated inter-panchayat Block Level YSS Cup 2021 at Block Bhalla in Doda District. The inaugural function was presided over by Novsheen Rishu, Block Development Chairperson, Bhalla block.

Nearly, 210 boys from all 17 Panchayats of block Bhalla participated in the discipline of Volleyball competition.

## Bumrah Reveals Secret Behind India's 4th Test Success At Oval



Press Trust of India

**LONDON:** Jasprit Bumrah, one of the chief architects of India's comprehensive win in the fourth Test, on Monday said his team's success lies in the fact that it is a "happy bunch" that lives in 'present' and doesn't focus on negatives.

Bumrah's response came when he was asked if the news of Head Coach Ravi Shastri and other support staff members testing positive in the middle of the Test match affected them in any way.

"We focus on the good things. We want to focus on controllable things and we as a team are bunch of individuals who are very happy and fun-loving people, not always trying to find needles in

all the things," Bumrah said during the virtual press conference.

It was Bumrah, who tilted the match in India's favour in the post-lunch session on the final day of the fourth Test, with his two-wicket burst.

Bumrah said the team completely shut the outside noise and was not overtly worried when they were down at 127 for 7 in the first innings.

"Yes, the wicket was fresh and we didn't score much in the first innings. But we didn't lose shape as a team and didn't think about lot of things that are said and lot of things that are written.

"We wanted to fight till the end and that's the character we wanted to show and things that

are going outside is something that we wanted to address later."

His final figures were 2/27 in 22 overs on a flat deck and the key was building the pressure, said the senior speedster.

"In Test cricket, nothing is easy. Even though it was a very good wicket, you have to bowl in right areas and that's the message you want to communicate. We had decided, even if wicket is on flatter side, we have to create pressure for the longest time.

"We created a lot of pressure in the first hour and we realised that it was a flat wicket and but our job was to not let the game slip away and we are happy to do that."

The IPL and the World T20 are also approaching but Bumrah doesn't want to lose focus on immediate goals.

"When you play a Test match, you don't realise what has been done before or how many overs you have been able to bowl because right now the focus was on doing the job for the team," Bumrah, who has taken 18 wickets in 151 overs so far in this series, said.

"I want to play longest time for my country so I work hard on gym, on my diet and everything I try to control. I train really well and I have got ammunition inside me and when I want to push, I can push hard.

"I am not thinking too far ahead about the IPL or World Cup because then mentally you can be tired. My focus is on the present, concentrating ball by ball and get results in our favour."

## Re-United: When Will Cristiano Ronaldo Make His Man United Debut?



R. Elahi

Cristiano Ronaldo's second Manchester United debut has been a matter of speculation ever since the forward's signing was announced. The 36-year-old Portugal international signed a two-year deal with an option to extend in August, and United fans across the globe have been waiting for CR7 to don the famous red and white uniform, and walk out on to the Old Trafford ground once again.

The five-time Ballon d'Or winner has already retaken his preferred number 7 jersey from Edinson Cavani, who in turn will wear number 21 this season.

While United's social media accounts are abuzz after Ronaldo was pictured with coach Ole Gunnar Solskjaer at Carrington, fans are wondering when the

talismanic forward will feature in the Premier League.

Various reports have revealed that Ronaldo trained with his Manchester United teammates today, making it all the more plausible that CR7 will mark his second homecoming this Saturday against Newcastle United.

Some reports have also suggested that Ronaldo might start from the bench, but considering his goal-scoring exploits for Portugal in the World Cup qualifiers this week, it is likely that he will be named in the starting XI.

While the news has left many Red Devils jumping in joy and anticipation, CR7's reintroduction to the English Premier League will spell trouble for United's opponents. Manchester United will play Newcastle United on Saturday, September 11, with kick-off at 7:30 pm (IST).

## Hosting T20 World Cup Watershed Moment For Oman, Its Cricket: Khimji

Press Trust of India

**MUMBAI:** Oman Cricket chairman Pankaj Khimji has described co-hosting the upcoming T20 World Cup in October as not only a watershed moment for the sport but for the entire nation. The T20 World Cup will be played from October 17 to November 14 in United Arab Emirates and Oman.

The matches in Oman will be played at the Oman Cricket Academy Ground in Muscat.

"We are now showcasing not (only) Oman cricket, we are showcasing Oman to the globe, world and if we go by what we expect, this could be the third largest televised event in history after the football world cup and the Olympics that happened in Japan.

This is the best way for Oman to showcase itself as the world's best kept tourism secret. People hardly know much about Oman and this would be our chance to kind of showcase Oman to the rest of the world," Khimji told PTI in an interaction when asked what hosting the World Cup means.

According to Khimji, arrangements are being made to accommodate 3,000 spectators.

"Oman has a beautiful green ground. Now, we are making arrangements for about 3,000 spectators, 500 out of those will be in the corporate boxes. We are also preparing a beautiful press-box and a beautiful media centre and TV production area. It is super learning for us, he quipped.

Khimji also said this wasn't a normal World Cup as it is happening in COVID-19 times.

"We will have to put in a bio-security protocol, this is not your normal World Cup, let's put

it this way. This is a World Cup during the times of COVID, it is a different kind of World Cup.

"Right now, we are grappling with all these protocols, security. It is a great challenge, but it's great fun," he said.

Khimji stressed that Oman government and the ICC along with the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) have extended support to the cricket board.

BCCI is the host. We are into a tripartite agreement and the Oman government is our patron. So, the Oman government, right from the highest authority of the land, they bent backwards and left no stone unturned.

"Fantastic help from the government and we are issuing 30-40 visas in a matter of minutes. The ICC has been super. So far, we have ticked all the boxes."

Oman played with domestic giants Mumbai in a one-day series and T20 series.

According to Khimji, the Mumbai tour was the perfect anti-dote that was needed for Oman to start preparing for the marquee event.

"It really puts us in our place. We are playing Scotland and Papua New Guinea along with Bangladesh in our World Cup round one, and Scotland and Papua New Guinea we played umpteen number of times over the last two years and we had a fair share of wins, far better share of wins.

"So, how do we gear up? Scotland is coming out of the season; Papua New Guinea hasn't touched cricket for the last year and half. Oman had a three-month break of cricket from April to now, explained Khimji on the importance of the tour.

## Kashmiri Cyclist Adil Teli Aims Higher After Guinness World Record

Agencies

**SRINAGAR:** When 23-year-old Kashmiri cyclist, Adil Teli pedalled from Kashmir to Kanyakumari in just eight days, covering a distance of 3,600 kilometres, he created a Guinness Book of World Record for the fastest Kashmir to Kanyakumari journey on cycle in the process.

Adil is a young sportsperson of the Valley, who hails from Narbal in Kashmir's Budgam district, completed the distance on his cycle in eight days, 1 hour and 37 minutes.

He started his journey from the iconic Ghanta Ghar at Lal Chowk in Srinagar around 7:30 am on March 22 this year and reached Kanyakumari around 9 am on March 30.

"I belong to Narwal. I did my schooling till tenth from Narwal. I went to Magam to complete my studies for classes 11th and 12th. Then I went to Gandhi Memorial College, Srinagar for graduation. Currently, I am pursuing my post-graduation from Guru Nanak Dev University in Amritsar where I am also undergoing cycling training," Adil revealed to news agency KINS.

Further talking about how cycling became his passion, Adil said, "In 2013, I represented Jammu and Kashmir at the national level for the first time. After that, my interest in cycling only kept on increasing. But at that time the biggest challenge was that not many facilities were unavailable.

"But I was determined to make cycling my profession, and I also knew that to achieve this I need to work hard. Since 2013, I have been representing Jammu and Kashmir at the national and senior national levels. I have represented Kashmir University for three years as well," said Adil.

In 2019, Adil participated in a non-stop cycling event where he said he cycled between Srinagar to Leh and covered a distance of 40 kms in 26 hours. Adil said this event motivated him to realise his capabilities in the professional field of cycle racing.

Talking about his family's support to him in realising his dreams, Adil said, "My parents have been my inspiration and I derive my motivation from them. It has been six years now that I have been representing Jammu and Kashmir at the national level. Cycling is an expensive sport. A lot of costly

equipments are required for the sport. But my parents never made me feel that they will not be able to afford all that because of some financial crisis. Instead, they always supported me."

"From my 2019 Srinagar to Leh tour I got to know that I am good at long-distance cycling. I started holding talks with the organisers of long-distance cycling events. I was planning to cycle from Kashmir to Kanyakumari for one year. For this, I had to prepare a lot because cycling from Kashmir to Kanyakumari is not an easy task because cycling for more than 3600 km on NH44 which is the longest national highway in the country is not easy," said Adil.

Speaking about his aspirations and struggles, Adil said, "I wanted to give this attempt but was not able to implement it for a long time as I was unable to find sponsors because it involved huge costs because this needed physiotherapist, nutritionist, cameraman, a documentary maker who are needed in the journey."

"Then one of my friends introduced me to a sponsor who told me to prepare and assured me of all possible help in making the world record. My coach Rajesh Kaushik trained me for this. After training for months, I applied for the Guinness World Record in November last year and at the end of February, my application got accepted.

Speaking about his record, the young cyclist said, "On March 22, I embarked on my journey. The day my journey was flagged off, it was raining all day in Srinagar. I would thank the administration of the Union Territory that the new tunnel joining Qazigund to Banihal was specially opened for me.

"Srinagar-Jammu highway became very risky because of frequent landslides due to bad weather. I faced many difficulties but I was determined to break the record," the young cyclist revealed.

"I faced many health conditions including swelling in my knees, sunburn etc., but the tears which I saw rolling down my mother's cheeks at the flagging of my longest cycling expedition, gave me strength throughout the journey. The total time taken by me to beat the record was 8 days. The administration and the people of Kashmir supported me a lot in this expedition," Adil added.



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